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Greenwood Fire Dept. gets boost from moose

By MICHAEL DANIELS
A visiting fireman from Delaware came to Maine last fall to see a moose.

He couldn't find one, but the Greenwood Fire Department found Santa Claus.

"I call him that sometimes," said GWFD Chief Al Curtis Jr.

"Santa Claus" is Clay Yocum, retired chief of the Greenwood, Delaware Fire Department.

While here, Yocum stayed at the Bethel Inn, and on his way to it he drove through Greenwood and saw its ponds.

The next day he went back to see if any moose were to be seen around the ponds.

No luck, but while there he stopped in at the town office and talked with Town Manager Kim Sparks.

"Then Kim called me," Curtis told town selectmen last week, "and said, 'I've got a guy here who wants to talk with you.'"

"I came up to see him, and we talked," Curtis said, "for five hours."

One of the things they talked about was rescue equipment.

"He couldn't believe we didn't have our own rescue equipment, the extrication equipment, in our town. He said every town down there has at least five, if not six in their town. He couldn't believe that our neighboring towns, Bethel or South Paris were the ones that had them."

When Yocum went back to Delaware, he and Curtis kept in touch, and they brought the current chief there into the loop.

"Then, about a month ago he called," Curtis said. Yocum told him, "I'm going to be coming up there, and I've got some stuff for you."

"I said OK."

"He met me on a Saturday and opened up the back of his van—a van he had rented to come up."

"He had a set of Hurst [extrication] tools that are only six years old. They had been certified in November. Had all new oil

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40 years of catching North Pond's winds

By ALISON ALOISIO
The North Pond Sailing Association this year marks 40 seasons of racing around buoys, outrunning thunderstorms, occasionally resorting to good-natured trickery to win, and, when becalmed, sitting back and enjoying it.

The association has been primarily comprised over the years of sailors in their popular Sunfish boats, joined occasionally by larger sailing craft or catamarans. The group has included a mixture of year-round and seasonal residents.

In the early years they raced on weekends from June to October, but then trimmed the schedule back to July and August.

Blaine Mills of Greenwood, who lives on North Pond, joined the group in

its second season, right after he had given up powerboat racing.

"I sold my powerboat, and I watched them during their first season," he said last week.

Mills made what might seem to be an unlikely leap between water sports.

"In outboard racing you'd go 70-plus miles an hour," he said. "Sailboating is like playing checkers—you try to get to the buoys with the least number of tacks."

It wasn't long before he acquired the responsibility of race chairman (organizer). The first chairman had to leave the pond in early September, to return home to Pennsylvania for his teaching job.

Mills has been setting

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News from home



U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Will Seames of Greenwood reads The Bethel Citizen late last year in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Seames is an MP with the 9th Engineer support battalion (9th ESB) based in Okinawa, Japan. "We arrived in Afghanistan on Nov. 10, 2011, and will leave around June 1, 2012," Seames said in a recent e-mail. "I was a part of the security squad providing overwatch for the engineers, while they build roads, bridges and outposts. The vehicle is called an MRAP (mine resistant ambush protected). They are heavily armored gun trucks equipped with machine guns. I was the turret gunner." Seames, a Telstar High School graduate, said he enjoyed getting the local newspaper. "The mail took about six to eight weeks to reach us, so by the time I got it, the paper was a month or two old. All of our mail had to be flown in." I paid particular attention to how the Telstar sports teams were doing. I always loved sports in high school."

(Photo: Navy Corpsman HN Miles Steele)

Newry selectmen tighten up on junkyards

By ALISON ALOISIO
Newry selectmen Monday began a process to enforce a state junkyard/auto graveyard statute at several properties in town.

The board also agreed to again express their concerns about the review of the byway management plan by the Grafton Notch

Scenic Byways Committee.

Properties

Town Administrator Loretta Powers said there have been several complaints of "excess cars and stuff in yards."

She said there have also been concerns about hazardous fluids leaking into nearby rivers.

Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney said the statute does not allow more than three unregistered or uninspected motor vehicles on a property not approved as a licensed junkyard.

He said that last year he sent letters to several residents asking them to clean up their properties.

"There's been minimal movement, some more than others," he said.

No further action has been taken.

"We're a friendly little town and we didn't want to go too far," said selectboard Chair Wendy Hanscom.

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Woodstock man will serve a year and 90 days for his role in stealing and setting fire to a car in W. Paris

By TONY REEVES (Sun Media Wire)
Carl Richard Lang, 22, pleaded guilty to theft, burglary of a motor vehicle and aggravated criminal mischief Tuesday in Oxford County Superior Court. He'll serve another year for violating his probation.

Last month, Lang was indicted on 12 counts, including arson and multiple theft and burglary charges.

Most, including arson, were dropped Tuesday and Lang was charged with aggravated criminal



CARL LANG mischief for burning the car. Nine other charges

were dismissed as well.

According to Assistant District Attorney Richard Beauchesne, police found a car burning in West Paris last October. The owner had parked it in a hospital parking lot before going in to work.

Police investigating found Carl Lang and Benjamin Smith, 22, of Paris, who both admitted to breaking into cars for loose change and eventually stealing the car, but Lang and Smith said the other was solely responsible. See SENTENCE, Page 4



"GREASE" AT TELSTAR—With three separate shows on tap for this weekend, lovers of local stage productions will have to plan carefully. Telstar High School will present "Grease," Gould Academy will do "The Sound of Music," and the Bethel Players will perform "The Butler Did It." Shown here is the cast of Grease, with the Pink Ladies and the Greasers. Performances are May 10, 11, and 12, at 7 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. From left: Naomi Ellsworth, Gabby Stone, Sam Mallory, Anna Saucier, Anneliese Smith, Trent Bonney, Matt Bolen, Ben Lewis, Casey Thornton, Gabe Aguiar, Matthew Keane, Nick Johnson. For a photo from the Sound of Music and all performance listings, see the Community Calendar on Page 15.

(Photo: Cecille Ellefsen)

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Letters

ALL WRONG ON BRIDGE

To the Editor:

Re: The Locke's Mills correspondent's comments on Johnny's Bridge:

Betsey Foster would have you believe that Johnny's Bridge exists to service a few individuals' homes, and that is its only use. Nothing could be further from the truth, and it is a shame that people might actually believe her. No one lives closer to the bridge than I do, and is more able to observe the traffic that it sees. The residents of the Gore Road on the Woodstock side always use this road to access Route 26 if they are headed south. Woodstock Fire Department and PACE ambulance also use the bridge on any calls to their side of the Gore Road. Can you imagine the Woodstock ladder truck trying to negotiate the upper turn to get to the Gore Road. Or maybe they should be required to go the extra distance over Route 232 to get there. Please remember, response time is one of the fire department's most valuable selling points. Also, I have noticed the Woodstock road crew coming across the bridge to service their section of the Gore Road. (Yes, maybe we should ask the town of Woodstock to chip in on the repairs.)

Now let's get on to the activities at the Post 68 Legion Hall. I am quite sure that most, if not all, traffic coming from the south use the bridge to get to and from the Legion Hall. I can always tell when something is going on there by the amount of increased traffic. Would you ask all these people to have to go to the other turn to get to the Legion Hall?

She also suggests that if the turn is a difficult one that maybe we should have the state come fix it. If they couldn't get it right the first time, what makes you think they would the second time, and with all the demands on state funds to fix the roads it would take years for them to get to it, if at all. (Note the fact that they refuse to put a stop light at the very dangerous Rite Aid intersection in Bethel.)

The original engineers' quote for fixing the bridge was way out of line, and I am convinced a satisfactory solution can be found at a much more reasonable price. The town budget committee, and the select board, have held the line on expenses for the coming year, and the money proposed is to go into a reserve account for future use.

I'm sure there will be a lively discussion on this issue at town meeting, and I would urge the voters to keep an open mind and make a common sense decision. Just because you don't use it, doesn't mean it's not being used. I am writing this as a concerned citizen and not as a member of the Greenwood Select Board.

Arnold Jordan
Greenwood

RUNNING FOR SELECTMAN

To the Editor:

To the Residents of Greenwood:

I will be a candidate for reelection to the Board of Selectmen at Greenwood's annual Town Meeting.

I have enjoyed being part of a town government whose members respect one another and are able to work well together. I have learned a great deal during my first term and I hope to continue to serve as the town works to balance the need for economic development and change with the traditional values of our residents.

Please come to the Legion Hall on Saturday, May 19, at 9 a.m. and take the opportunity to participate in one of New England's oldest and most democratic traditions. Thank you for your support.

Amy Chapman
Greenwood

BROWN BENEFIT THANKS

To the Editor:

The Silas Brown Benefit was a huge success, turning out greater than 150 people at the recent dinner held at the Bethel United Methodist Church.

Our hearts were truly warmed, as were others, to see the endless amount of love, support, generosity and kindnesses from so many caring individuals in the local communities of Bethel and Rumford on behalf of Silas.

We thank the following local Bethel businesses: The Foothills Grille, Bethel Foodliner, and 22 Broad Street Restaurant.

Thank you to the Rumford Elementary School staff and parents (where Silas' grandmother is a teacher).

Thank you so very much to the following dedicated individuals for their assistance and support in making the event possible and as successful as it was.

Thank you to Teresa Curtis, Michael Pelosi, Colleen Tirabassi, Jim Swan, Bion Swan, Megan Daye, Deb Swan, The Bethel United Methodist Church and church members.

If you were unable to attend the benefit dinner and would like to learn more about Silas Brown and his journey, you may read more about Silas and his parents, Melissa Ford and Mathew Brown, on Maine Medical's caring bridge website. You may also contact Marilyn at 461-3155 for more information.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams Eleanor Roosevelt

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

Marilyn Swan, Linda Howe and Sarah Swan
Benefit Organizers

REMEMBERING RICHARD 'SAM' KIMBALL

To the Editor:

The recent passing of Sam Kimball removes another of those central figures from my childhood who were always there from my earliest days. Since his homestead was within shouting distance of ours, we often heard numerous sounds coming from his direction, i.e. various engine noises, the whirring of miniature airplanes, etc. One never knew just what he was up to at any given time. Sometimes my curiosity was piqued enough to go investigate and often I was intrigued by just what he was operating at the time.

Sam was a mechanical genius of sorts and I will always remember him as a master tinkerer working away in his shop across from his residence.

He was also a "profile in courage" as disease took over his body and he was confined to a wheelchair for many of his last years. He never seemed to complain and always had a ready smile for everyone.

Both my parents greatly enjoyed visiting with him throughout their lives and he always remained during his long life, the quintessential good neighbor. Grange suppers in East Bethel were one of his favorite events and always gave me the opportunity to chat with him once again.

He is now at peace, buried in the soil of his beloved East Bethel, but his example of good neighborliness and courage will live on for all those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Stan Howe
Bethel

INPUT SOUGHT ON W'STOCK WIND ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

The Woodstock Commercial Wind Energy Committee is working on the Wind Ordinance that will be presented to the 2013 Woodstock Town Meeting. We are seeking input, feedback and suggestions about creating an ordinance that will best meet the needs of Woodstock residents and property owners, should the town receive new applications for more commercial wind energy development in Woodstock after next March.

We will hold public hearings in different parts of town over the coming months and invite all Woodstock citizens to attend one or more of those. You may also send your thoughts by e-mail to the Committee's e-mail address, bpwindcomm@oxfordnetworks.net, and copy the town e-mail address, if you like, bp7ring2@megalink.net. We ask respondents to include their address in their comments so we can have an idea of how far from the Spruce Mountain wind farm you live.

We thank you for your input and support and look forward to working together over the next ten months.

Bob Elliott
for the Woodstock Wind Ordinance Committee

SONG, DANCE AND GREAT DIALOGUE

To the Editor:

The Telstar Musical Theater Department cordially invites one and all to come enjoy this year's musical, "Grease," performed under the direction of Mr. Tom Coolidge and Mrs. Jennifer Bennett.

"Grease" uses the energy of song, dance, and great dialogue to tell the stories of teenage love and high school life in the 1950s. Whether you were a teen in the fifties or not, you're sure to relate to the story of the cool-guy greasers and the girl-clique called the Pink Ladies.

If you're a fan of Telstar Theater as many in the area are, you know you're in for another great show. If you haven't attended a Telstar production in the past, come check this show out for some fun entertainment.

Oh, and this show has an extra-special prop you won't want to miss; think 1950s drive-in.

We're fortunate to have such talented and dedicated students, staff, and volunteers who work so hard to offer the community this special treat called live musical theater. Let's give them what every theater group wants - a big audience!

Performances will be in the Helen C. Berry Auditorium on May 10 (tonight), 11, and 12 at 7 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Admission is free and we hope you gather your friends and family for this most enjoyable show. Refreshments will be available.

Pat Nasta
For the THS Theater Department

COMPROMISE ON INTERSTATE ATV RULES

To the Editor:

It is my understanding that New Hampshire offered to reciprocate with Maine for snowmobile and ATV registrations and that Maine turned down the offer. Maine will very likely make some money from this, but we the citizens, lose. Businesses on both sides of the border lose customers and riders that live or ride close to the border lose access to trails.

Maybe a compromise could work. Why couldn't citizens of either state, who have registered their machines in their home state, pay a reduced fee to register in the other state, similar to the fee if a person joins a second a.t.v. club, (referred to as an associate member)? I would like very much to learn the answers from our local state representative.

Joe Bernier
Upton

CPS FIRST AID/CPR THANKS

To the Editor:

Mrs. Conrad's fifth-grade class would like to thank you for putting our outstanding story and our remarkable picture in The Bethel Citizen. We really appreciate you taking your time to come to Crescent Park School and visualizing our great experience.

If you didn't put us in the newspaper, no one would know that our class was certified in First Aid or CPR.

We would also like to thank Dave, Josh, Haley, and Amy for taking their time to come in and teach us about First Aid.

Thank you for being supportive and helpful.

Mrs. Conrad's Fifth-grade Class
Crescent Park School, Bethel

Celladore

'How do you get water?'

B.B. rammed with a wire; a wee bit of water came out. "Try another kettle," he directed. I so did, ran out, not much water coming; B.B. began pulling out the wire.

"Why are you doing that?"

"This wire is too stiff. I will have to have a softer one. Please move back. I have enough to contend with now without you getting cut on the wire."

I fled, put on two more kettles of water to heat and made a resolve to remember that anything to do with country plumbing is agony, agony. My advice to wives who move from the city is simple: at the first sign of any difficulty, go immediately to your private horde of cash being saved for a new rug or a trip, firmly hand it to your spouse and insist that he forget the whole thing and call a plumber. If he refuses to do this, stand by. While you will be unable to do anything to help, it is not the time to call on the neighbors, or play the piano, or hide away upstairs with a book. Stand by, which I did from then on.

I decided to take the ashes from the furnace. We had forgotten to put in wood this a.m.; they would be cool. By taking a painful at a time upstairs and out onto the asparagus bed, I could keep watch over Operation Agony. Ten trips did it; then I started the fire so that the house would be warm by nightfall.

How many times B.B. climbed up and down into the hole and rammed the wire in and jostled it back, how many kettles of hot water poured in, I know not but about three-thirty p.m. the water started running a stream. B.B. relaxed his thundercloud mien a bit, saying the worst was over but I had best put down three more kettles of hot water. I so did, thinking of the man with a hoe bowed by the weight of centuries. Suddenly I realized that we'd had no food since breakfast. I was hungry; what of B.B. with all his back-breaking labor? I would clean the fish (had never done such a thing), started with a paring knife. Eagle Eye called out in passing, "Better to take the garden scissors." It was. After the tenth fish, I had learned how to clean pickerel and better understood why the givers had been so diffident about offering them. I took the debris to the furnace, quickly cleaned up, had the fish in a pan ready to bake, the house toasty warm as B.B. came in and told me to empty one more kettle. I did and ran out to look in the hole but it had vanished, the suds were back, the stack in place, B.B. putting away wire and tools. "It's all right now," he said, "that extra kettle was just to flush the pipe."

I went back into the house and plunked down in the Windsor chair. The ordeal was over. After dinner I asked some questions, wondering what had caused the trouble, how to avoid it in the future. B.B. was not sure, thought possibly the line was too long. When he put it in he thought that the drop in elevation would counterbalance it. If we were careful to flush the sink once a day in cold weather with very hot water, it might not trouble again. If it did, he would have to shorten the line. I finally asked, "Is this a sample of non-alienation from life? Is this escaping mental ills of a technological society? Are you proud of overcoming this obstacle alone with your own hands and brains?"

"H...no," he answered, "I'm just d... lame, I'm going to have a hot bath, do the crossword puzzle, and go to bed."

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Gould Academy Performing Arts presented "Oliver!"

The Book Discussion Group at Whitman Memorial Library sponsored a Mother's Day Tea.

Deaths: Winfield O. Partridge, Sadie F. Giles, Gardiner W. Boyce, Robert D. Andrews, Ethelyn V. Brackett, Helena Abbott, Raymond E. Pratt, Nancy J. Buck.

20 years ago: The Fourth Annual Maine Mountains Jeep Jamboree drew more than 260 participants from 17 states and a number of Canadian provinces.

The SAD 44 board of directors voted to allow part of the Ethel Bisbee School basement to be used as a community exchange.

The Crescent Park School fifth grade presented several local history skits at a special Bethel Historical Society meeting.

Births: Michael Frederick Corriveau, Brianna Lee Glover.

Death: Margaret Snyder.

30 years ago: Mundt-Alen Post 81 American Legion presented the town of Bethel with a flag to be flown on the Common.

Births: Justin Todd Wight, Tanya Marie Parker.

Deaths: Pearl Ashby Tibbets, George R. Chase.

40 years ago: The High Street building formerly used as a garage and equipment repair shop by R.S. McMillin was razed.

Births: Kristy Dawn Clement, Timothy John Angevine, Todd Swan.

Deaths: Beatrice H. Judkins, Mrs. Minola Blake, Clark.

50 years ago: The former home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Howe at the junction of Lover's Lane and West Bethel Road was being remodeled to serve as a store and Esso service station.

Birth: Cheryl Lynn Merrill.

Deaths: George R. Davis, Merle F. Philbrick, John Pulkkinen, Mrs. Selma J. McKeen, Mrs. Marion F. Woodworth, Albert Russ, Howard G. Wheeler, Mrs. Addie Saunders, Norman H. Hall.

60 years ago: The stock car track at Oxford Plains opened May 11. A new clay surface had been applied to the track.

Deaths: Herbert J. E. Burgess, Mrs. Essie R. Tracy, Socklexes Newell, Mrs. Jessie M. Wheeler.

70 years ago: Over 3,000 applications were filed for sugar ration cards.

Deaths: Ernest M. Walker, Henry Croteau, Percy Walker.

80 years ago: Fire destroyed the stable and shed of the Allen Richardson home in Hanover. Puffers from Rumford Point and Rumford were called. A loss of about \$4,000 was reported.

Dr. S. S. Greenleaf purchased the Harry Jordan property on Vernon Street.

Deaths: George Osgood, Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Ervin Hutchinson, Charles K. Hodson.

90 years ago: A new industry making paper products, umbrellas, ice cream packers, etc. was getting underway at F. J. Tyler's shop on Summer Street.

D.C. Conroy was the first citizen of Bethel to install a radio. He was located at the home of J. N. Swan.

The buildings of Merton Kilgore of North Newry were totally destroyed by fire.

Bates of West Paris purchased a camp site of 125 acres with a frontage of one-half mile on Dudley Lake, Locke Mills. This was for the use of Boy Scouts.

The last meeting of the season for Bethel's Columbian Club was held at Mrs. O.M. Mason's on Vernon Street.

Death: Samuel A. Eames.

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THANKS, NEIGHBORS

To the Editor:

I am writing this to thank Edie and Homer Smith for being good neighbors. In the last three years I have lost most of my family, so I don't have people to help me when things go wrong.

One day last week I came home at 3:30 p.m. to find my two dogs had porcupine quills in them. I had to be at work by 5:30 p.m.

I called the vets and they said to bring them down. My brother, who lives next door, was working, and I knew it would take longer than 5:30 p.m., so I called Edie and Homer and they came and got the dogs and took them to the vets, waited at the vets, then took my dogs home.

I keep thanking Edie but she just keeps saying that is what neighbors are for. Even if that is what neighbors are for, few neighbors would do it.

Thank you, Edie and Homer Smith.

George A. Gibson
Northwest Bethel

TELSTAR SPRING CONCERT

To the Editor:

Telstar Music Department will hold their 14th Annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the Helen C. Berry Auditorium at Telstar Regional High School.

Performing will be, THS Chorus, THS Concert Band, TMS Chorus, TMS Band, and small ensembles.

Admission is free but donations are always welcome and will go toward student awards.

Hope to see you there.

Mrs. Jennifer Bennett
Telstar High School Music Department

CHAMBER AWARD THANKS

To the Editor:

Friday night, May 4, I was honored to receive the Sales and Retail Employee of the Year award from the Bethel Chamber of Commerce. I was quite nervous as I stood up at the microphone to try to express my thanks. Since I'm not sure that I properly got the words out, I would like to try again using this format.

Marc and I chose Bethel to move to in 1975. We grew up here as much as we did in our home towns. We raised our family here. We moved away for a year and a half, and could hardly wait to come home. We have made cherished, lifelong friendships. I didn't start working until our kids were in middle school. Since that time I have been fortunate to work for wonderful people.

When Bruce and Shirley bought Viewer's Choice Video of Bethel two years ago, my luck continued. We are all so appreciative of their efforts to keep us open and working. We are such a team effort at Viewer's Choice. With each person I work with, a working relationship has turned into a friendship. Pam, Nancy, Sheri, Mandee, Megan, Josh, Rick, and others who have since moved on, have made my job an easy one to do.

So thank you to Bruce and Shirley, thank you to my co-workers, and thank you to all of our customers. Bethel is a wonderful place to call home.

Leslie Moore
Bethel

INTELLENT CONVERSATION

To the Editor:

There is one thing about which Mr. Faulkner and I agree. Long, rambling letters are a waste as many people don't take the time to read them.

We do not agree on welfare. He hates it and wants it gone because a few people abuse it. I say fix that problem. Intelligent people can do that. A society that is humane does not throw people out on the street, including veterans. It does not let people go hungry, including many children.

I find this statement offensive, untrue and unfair: "Liberalism is a form of government that has neither success in its history nor potential in its future...it's a failed policy."

F.D.R brought this country out of its worst depression which was caused by the "robber barons" in the 1920s. He was quite "Liberal"! He also gave us Social Security. I did "Like Ike."

Reagan was a likeable President but his "trickle down economics" was a disaster for our economy and it still is. The money makes its way right to the bank mostly in overseas accounts.

Everyone knows what a disaster Bush the Second was for our national debt. Two wars unfunded, tax breaks for the rich. God knows when we will pay off that debt.

Both parties have strong ideas and we face some very serious problems. Sincere, intelligent adult discussion is needed.

Nancy Willard
Woodstock

HOLD THE WHIPPED CREAM

To the Editor:

As I read the recent exchanges of political opinion, I can't help but recall a comment an English professor 50 years ago put on a paper I had written. "This could be a first-rate essay" he said, "but it's like trying to find three strawberries under 4 quarts of whip cream."

Real strawberry season isn't here yet, so I have to look for them wherever I can. I look in four or five newspapers every day, still working on the assumption that where there's lots of whip cream there won't likely be many strawberries.

Two long-time congressional scholars, Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein, showed us three strawberries on April 27th in *The Washington Post* (which publishes both left- and right-leaning columns):

"We have been studying Washington politics and Congress for more than 40 years, and never have we seen them this dysfunctional. In our past writings, we have criticized both parties when we believed it was warranted. Today, however, we have no choice but to acknowledge that the core of the problem lies with the Republican Party."

"The GOP has become the insurgent outlier in American politics. It is ideologically extreme; scornful of compromise; unmoved by conventional understanding of facts, evidence and science; and dismissive of its political opposition."

"When one party moves this far from the mainstream, it makes it nearly impossible for the political system to deal constructively with the country's challenges."

Not the tasty strawberries everyone would like maybe, but one thing remains the same: whip cream is no substitute for the real thing.

Dick Taylor
Bethel

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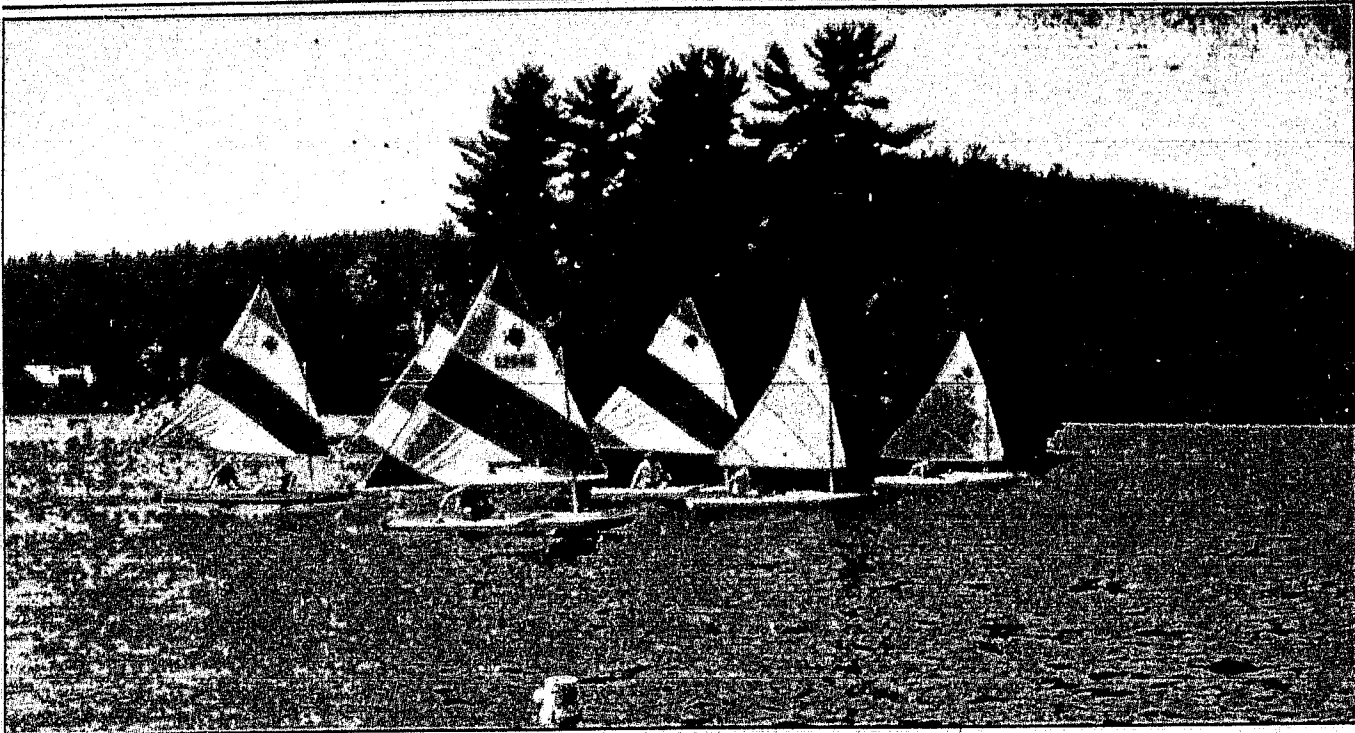
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Sails

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NORTH POND SAILING ASSOCIATION—A fleet of Sunfish race on North Pond in the mid-1980s. (Submitted Photo)

his teaching job.

Mills has been setting race schedules and courses ever since.

"If you had told me 40 years ago this would still be going, I'd say you were nuts," he said.

He attributes the longevity to the mostly laid-back approach to racing.

"Skippers with big egos, or poor losers, have always been encouraged to move on to bigger and greater fleets," said Mills.

The sailors have come from all walks of life, he said, "from Ph.D.s to janitors."

The membership rolls peaked in the late 1980s with about 50 skippers, he said, though that many never turned out for one race. "The largest fleet I ever saw at one regatta was around 24 boats," he

said.

The races on North Pond have always taken place in a bay at the base of Buck's Ledge, away from the main boat traffic.

When membership was at its height, the association broadened its reach, holding races on Lake Christopher, Indian Pond, Norway Lake, and Worthley Pond. They even held a saltwater regatta in Harpswell for a decade.

Through the years, Mills has laid out three-buoy courses using one of three options, depending on the strength of the wind.

The wind—and the strategies of the sailors—have produced some memorable races on North Pond.

During one gusty October race, a boat with two sailors—who were hanging over one side in or-

der to balance out the pull of the sail—suddenly entered the protection of a nearby island. As the wind died, the boat quickly righted itself.

"They did a couple of backward flips over the side," said Mills.

Another incident that took place near the island was the result of one skipper's plot.

He was racing near his two sons, who were together in another boat.

"They were neck-in-neck. John wasn't about to let them beat him, so he pushed them off into the bushes on the island," remembers Mills.

At the end of that season, when racing awards were handed out, the father received one inscribed with the proverb, "Old age and treachery will overcome youth and skill."

In another race, two sailors got their comeuppance as they sought an advantage for their boat. They created a homemade spinaker sail.

But as they rounded a buoy and put the sail out, said Mills, "it went under the boat and caught on the dagger. As we passed them, they were rolling

around in the cockpit, laughing."

One sailor was known for his casual approach to races.

"He'd sit in the cockpit with the tiller over his shoulder and his feet in the air," said Mills.

And another, when faced with a dying wind, "didn't have his feelings hurt a bit. He'd yack with all the skippers around him."

But if a thunderstorm threatened, sailing became all business. "We'd shoot for the shore as fast as we could," said Mills. "No one likes to be out there with a lightning rod."

The future

Over the last two decades, the association's membership has flagged, standing now at about two dozen. Most of them are at, or near, retirement age. There are fewer kids," said Mills. "They're mostly interested in power boats."

But he hopes there will continue to be enough interest to keep the association going. It's an easy organization to belong to.

"There are no dues, and the only responsibility is to show up," said Mills.

Newry

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Selectman Gary Wight said it was time to back up the letters. "If we don't get a response, we should go to the next step," he said.

The state process calls for a maximum of three letters to be sent to non-responding property owners.

The third would include an attempt to draw up a consent agreement, and would require a public hearing.

The board agreed to return to square one on the properties in question.

"Let's start the process, if it's a letter-writing process," said Hanscom. "We'll send a letter to everybody."

Byway

Selectmen returned Monday to a topic that has sparked lively debate in recent months: the work of the Grafton Notch Scenic Byways Committee.

After being dormant for a decade, the state reconvened the committee in January to review a management plan for the Route 26 Scenic Byway through Newry, Grafton and Upton, with the option of adding the stretch of road that links to Route 2 to the designation.

Some property owners objected, however, concerned that such an extension could lead the town to pass ordinances further restricting the use of their land.

Following reassurances from the state scenic byways coordinator and the committee facilitator that nothing would be pushed on the towns, the committee has continued its work.

But Selectman Brooks Morton, who is also a member of the byways committee, said Monday he believes the state still intends to expand the byway.

He questioned a recent move to make committee decisions by consensus,

rather than by vote.

"Now that they've switched to consensus, the committee won't vote on it," he said. "But it's not necessarily unanimous consent."

He said the committee is working its way through the existing management plan document, but is focusing just on the wording, "without a vision. What's the vision?"

"I'd like to get public input on [the plan]," he said.

Hanscom said she favored holding a public hearing.

Morton also said that while he had asked at an earlier committee meeting for a town vote to approve an updated plan, "there's no assurance the town will be able to vote."

Powers said she thought the existing corridor has not had a negative effect on the town. "It hasn't helped, it hasn't hurt, it hasn't done anything," she said.

She said she would convey the board's concerns to byways committee facilitator Dina Jackson of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments.

The committee meets next on Monday, May 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Newry Town Office.

In other business at the board meeting, selectmen worked on a draft for a one-year winter roads maintenance contract, to be bid upon by local contractors;

agreed to ask current contractor D.A. Wilson to do summer road maintenance projects;

awarded a bid for a new furnace at the Sunday River Fire Station to Community Energy for a Buderus model G215-5 at a cost of \$5,517;

agreed to send a letter to Planning Board Chairman Pat Roma regarding a procedural issue;

set a time of 4:30 p.m. for their regular meetings through the summer.

Sentence

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Lang was sentenced to five years, with all but one suspended, and will serve one year for burning the car and 90 days for the theft and burglary charges, as well as a year for violating his proba-

tion. Once his jail sentence is up, Lang must pay \$9,050 to the car's owner.

Smith is set to be arraigned on June 15. Smith was not charged with arson.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

One of my favorite television shows is Antiques Roadshow. I really enjoy seeing and learning about some of the antiques and collectibles. I find it fascinating and informative.

I also get a kick out of the people and how they react to finding out their family heirloom is worth many thousands of dollars or the painting they paid a pretty high price for is a fake.

Most of the time when someone is told that their \$5 yard sale purchase is actually worth \$5,000 they get pretty excited. I know I certainly would. Then there are those people, however, who show no emotion at all. I just don't get that.

Recently the appraiser who was giving the details on a piece of antique furniture was getting more excited by the minute as he explained how rare and special the piece was. The person who owned the piece had bought it at a rummage sale for next to nothing. You'd think he would have been getting as excited as the appraiser, but he didn't even crack a smile.

When the appraiser told him that his rummage sale purchase was worth well over \$100,000 he should have been wetting his pants, but with no expression at all he just said, "That's good to know."

I'd say it's a lot more than just good to know. If that had been me I would have been jumping up and down with glee. As soon as the cameras stopped rolling I'd be asking the appraiser where in heck I could sell it.

Rarely do you hear any of the people indicate their willingness to sell their precious antique. More often than not they'll say

something like, "It will stay in the family forever."

I can tell you that if I found out my rummage sale bargain was worth over \$100,000, that baby would be as good as gone. How can you get sentimental over a rummage sale bargain?

A couple of weeks ago there was a piece of pottery being appraised and it had a value of \$25,000. I darn near fell off the couch and dropped my bag of potato chips because I have a piece of pottery almost identical to it. I went running to the china cabinet to check it out only to find that it wasn't there.

"My \$25,000 fantasy turned out to be just that."

Once I got my breathing under control I remembered that when some painting was done in the dining room everything in the china cabinet was boxed up and put in the attic for safekeeping.

The next day I went to the attic to find my \$25,000 pottery all the while wondering where I could sell it and thinking about what I would do with the windfall.

Unfortunately for me there are many, many boxes in the attic. Over the years it has become the depository for everything not in use or set aside for safekeeping, like the pottery. Also, having the big-

gest attic in the family it is my children's depository for everything they want to save and have no room for.

I had my work cut out for me but I went about it with good humor and visions of a \$25,000 pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, or at least at the end of the attic.

It was quite a walk down memory lane going through boxes of things my children had when they were little and things I had forgotten I even owned.

After hours of searching I found a bunch of books I haven't read. There were a lot of things that are a mystery as to why I didn't throw them out years ago and there were a few things that I might even be able to sell on eBay for a few dollars.

And yes, I found my priceless piece of pottery in one of the last boxes I looked in. I was so excited I did a happy dance all over the attic. I stopped dancing long enough to turn the pottery over to look for the potter's signature, which turned out to be not a signature but a sticker from F. W. Woolworth. Though the design was very close to the one I saw on Antiques Roadshow it was not an original work of art after all.

My \$25,000 fantasy turned out to be just that. It was not a total waste of my time though because I have some good books to read, got rid of some trash and found a few trinkets to sell on eBay.

I packed the pottery back in the box and plan to keep it there because the way I see it someday when my great-great grandchildren find it, they will have a priceless antique worthy of an appraisal on Antiques Roadshow.

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FIELD HOCKEY BOTTLE DRIVE, FUNDRAISER

To the Editor:

Save up your returnables for Saturday, June 2. Friends of Telstar Field Hockey will be collecting bottles and taking monetary donations to raise funds to purchase new uniforms and goalie equipment for the Telstar Middle School Field Hockey team. Funds raised beyond the needs of the Middle School will go toward the High School Field Hockey team.

We would also appreciate contributions of old field hockey sticks and face masks. Field hockey can be an expensive sport to try. These contributions can help defray the cost for our beginner all stars.

All contributions can be dropped off at the SAD 44 bus garage on Saturday, June 2, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feel free to contact Steve 890-9604 or Bethany 890-9605 with questions or to assist with this important fundraiser.

Steve and Bethany Pelletier
for Friends of Telstar Field Hockey

FREE FAMILY FISHING FESTIVAL

To the Editor:

The Upper Andro Anglers Alliance in cooperation with Trout Unlimited will host a free family fishing festival on Saturday, June 2.

The festival will be held at Angevine Park on the North Road in Bethel, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. Free casting workshops and fly-tying instruction will be available throughout the day.

Local Maine guides and members of the Mollycokett Chapter of Trout Unlimited will teach the workshops.

Instruction will include both spin casting and fly casting for older youth and parents. Maine's Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program will supply complimentary rods and reels for use at the festival.

Families can practice newly learned casting skills in the one-acre pond and are welcome to take home their catch.

The pond will be stocked with trout courtesy of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Each young angler will receive a mini-tackle box complete with bobber, sinkers and hook courtesy of the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance.

Kids can learn how to tie flies with materials provided by local outfitters and fly shops. Children will be able to take home their hand-tied flies.

Families participating in the event will be eligible for door prizes from local outfitters and businesses as well as L.L. Bean and Kittery Trading Post. The Bethel Fire Department will host a barbecue of hotdogs and hamburgers, chips, and drinks and families are welcome to bring a pack lunch.

The weekend of June 2 and 3 is a free fishing weekend in Maine. Resident and Non-resident freshwater fishing licenses are waived each day.

The Family Fishing Festival is one of many nationwide events that provide families with an opportunity to have fun on the water.

The events are promoted by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (www.rbff.org).

For those families wishing to stay overnight and fish or canoe the Androscoggin River on Sunday, special family packages are available for the weekend at local lodging establishments.

For information on the Family Fishing Festival, contact the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance at 824-3694, fish@upperandro.com or www.upperandro.com.

Wendy Gray
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Bethel Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7 PM at the town office to receive public input and discuss proposed amendments to seven separate ordinances. These ordinances are entitled Administration, Entertainment, Sewer and Water Use, Building Construction, Signs, Site Plan Review, and Subdivision. The board will also receive public input on the enactment of an ordinance entitled Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE). These amendments and enactment are scheduled for presentation to voters at the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for June 13, 2012. For more information, please contact the Bethel Town Office at (207) 824-2669 or by email at info@bethelmaine.org.

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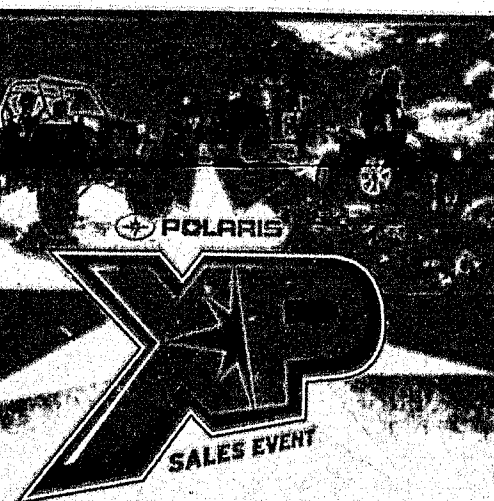
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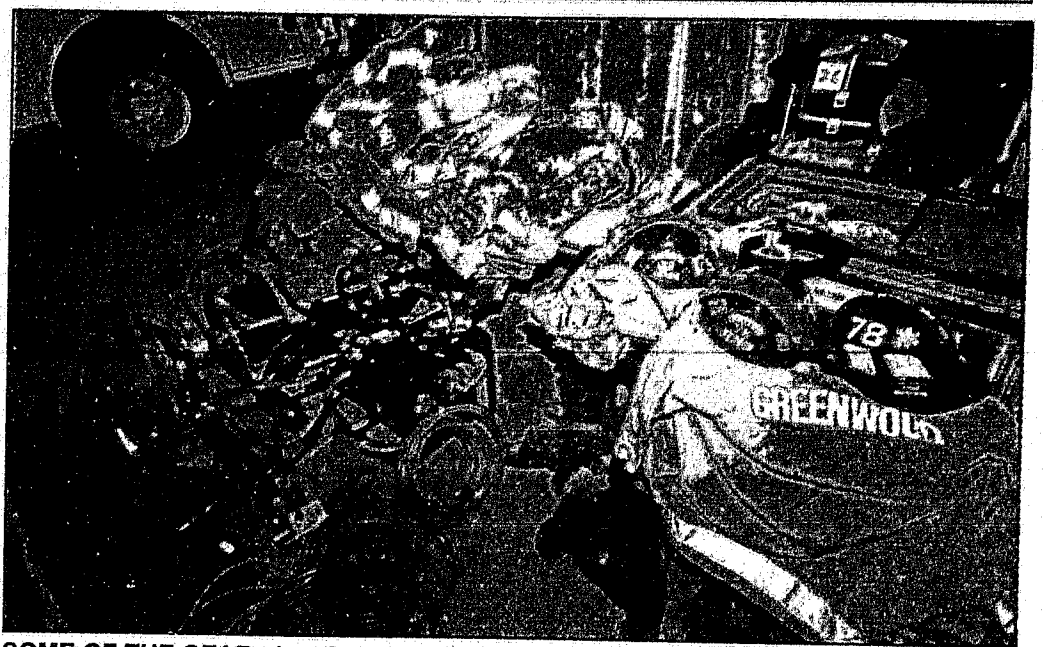
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SOME OF THE GEAR already donated to the Greenwood Fire Department.

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seals, gaskets, o-rings, and everything else put into them, so they're basically brand new."

Yocum also brought along essential tools, including hose reels and the power unit.

"They'll work right off our squad truck or Engine Two," Curtis said.

"I've called a couple of different places to see what this stuff would have cost us to go out and buy it, and you're talking about \$25,000 to \$27,000 worth of tools that he brought up here for free."

Yocum also brought 23 sets of used turnout gear.

"Some of them are ripped up in the knees and stuff like that, but some of them look fairly new. And most of them have 'Station 78' or 'Greenwood' on the back of them."

There are 53 more sets on the way, Curtis said.

The used turnout gear can be worn by firefighters during training exercises, instead of their regular turnout gear, Curtis said later.

This protects the expen-

sive regular gear from rips, tears and other damage, which are costly to repair, because the repairs must be done by a certified technician.

The Delaware department recently received a federal grant for new equipment, Curtis told the selectmen, and most of the gear being sent up is being rotated out of use.

Delaware's 100 fire departments are well funded, he said, and not by their municipalities.

Each gets a yearly \$825,000 grant from the state, and they get portions of new building-permit fees and property-owners' insurance costs.

Curtis said the gear GWFD has received so far is only the beginning of what Yocum has in mind.

"He's working on getting us a truck to replace our Engine Two, and on getting us a truck in the next year or two to replace our squad."

An ambulance is also being discussed, Curtis said. Logistics should be no problem.

Yocum, Curtis said later, is a friend of Delaware Gov. Jack Markell, and spoke with him at a recent convention in Washington, D.C.

"The governor had gotten wind of what he was doing up here in Oxford County," Curtis said.

"It's not going to help only us; it's going to help the whole county."

"The governor said, 'whatever logistics you have with shipping it, let us know. My office will help you get it up there.'"

About that moose

Yocum was back up in Greenwood recently, but again had no luck spotting a moose.

"But he's coming back in August," Curtis said, "and I told him he'll see one."

"I'll take him around for a whole day, and by the end of it he'll be sick of moose."

"I told him that if that doesn't work, I'll take you down to the Gray animal park, and you can pet one."

Selectman Amy Chapman offered to make a whoopie pie for the occasion.

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Front: Leslie Moore, Retail and Service Employee of the Year; Marcia Foster-Austin, Special Recognition Award for Western Mountains Senior College; Lynn Arizzi, Non-Profit Leadership Award; Queda Billings, Education Employee of the Year; Kallie Brown, Student Citizenship Award; Sarah Reed, SkiESta Non-Traditional Student Award; Meredith Harrop, Ski Services Employee of the Year. Behind Sarah Reed in the middle is Luke Hayward, SkiESta Eddy School Award. Back l-r: Carol Bourque, Volunteer of the Year; Ann Patten, Public Service Award; Kimberly Tibbetts, Hospitality Employee of the Year; Roger Beaudoin, Matterhorn Ski Bar Business of the Year; Amanda Moran, Rising Star Entrepreneur; James Piccirillo, Student Citizenship Award; James Lowell, SkiESta Award; Mike Halle, Forest Products Industry Award; Scott Stone, Rocky Freda Memorial Award; Mike O'Donnell, Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship. Absent: Lyndsay Merrill, SkiESta Award, Patrice Miller, Matterhorn Ski Bar Business of the Year, and James Monahan, Lifetime Achievement Award.

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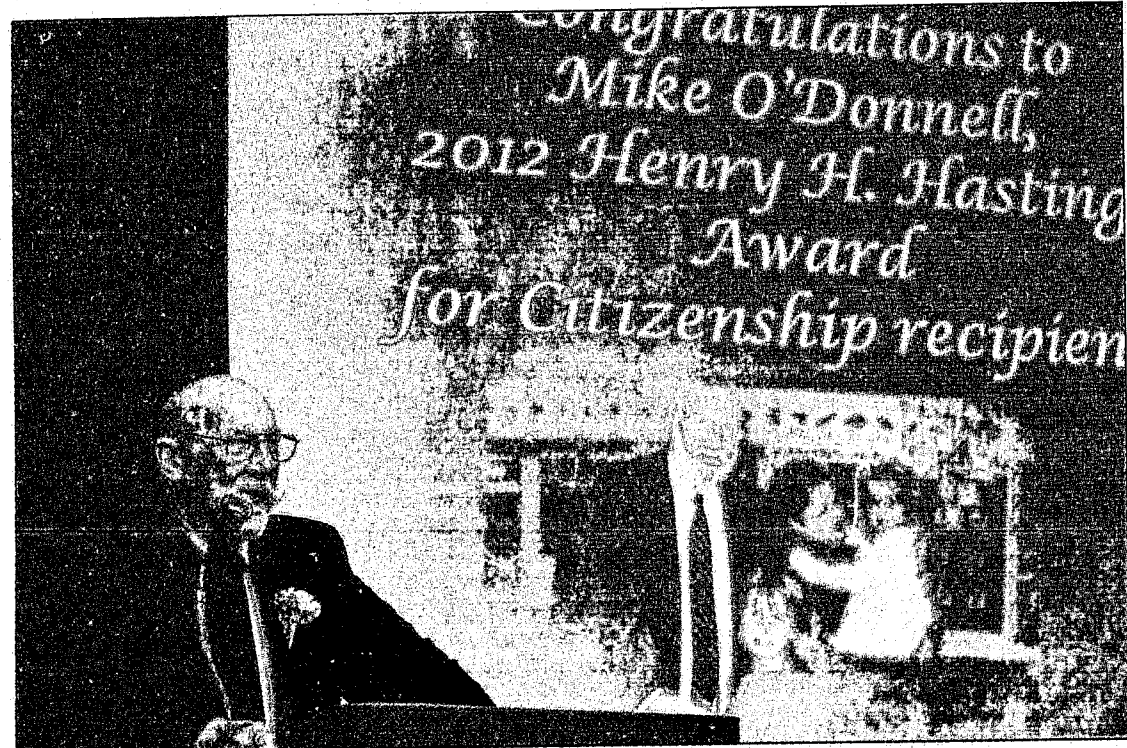


MAINE ENERGY SYSTEMS—From left: Gov. LePage, Les Otten, Dutch Dresser, and Patricia Aho, Commissioner of DEP. (Photo: Maine Department of Environmental Protection)

Maine Energy Systems of Bethel and the Environmental Living & Learning for Maine Students Project, which includes the UMaine 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Bryant Pond have been recognized as part of the first state-sponsored environmental achievement awards handed out in Maine since 2005. The two were honored among six stewards of sustainability presented with the 2012 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence by Governor Paul LePage and Maine Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Patricia Aho in a ceremony Thursday at Jutul North America's headquarters in Gorham. The awards, administered by the Maine DEP and scheduled in conjunction with Earth Day (April 22), recognize entities voluntarily going beyond regulatory requirements to creatively and collaboratively initiate innovation that is both environmentally and economically sustainable. Maine Energy Systems won in the "Businesses Under 15 Employees" category for helping Maine homes, public facilities and businesses — including Waterville High School and Mt. Abram Ski Resort — transition to a cleaner fuel, sustainability-harvested from Maine's forests with the sales of their wood pellets and boilers.

The ELLMS Project, a partnership between the Chewonki Outdoor Classroom for Schools, Ferry Beach Ecology School and the UMaine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond and at Tanglewood (in Lincolnville), won in the "Nonprofit" category. Formally launched just last year ago, the unprecedented collaborative creates a financial aid fund that has already subsidized residential environmental education for nearly 2,000 Maine students from 33 schools.

Other winners included IDEXX, of Westbrook; CLYNK, of South Portland; George R. Roberts Co., of Alfred; the Washington County Council of Governments.



HASTINGS AWARD Mike O'Donnell, Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, addresses the audience at the May 4 annual Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner. He received the award in recognition of his 40 year legal career and service to the community. (Photos: Carol Savage)

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, May 1

At 2:53 a.m. on Route 26 in West Paris Deputy Willie Nelson pursued a vehicle going approximately 100 mph. The vehicle sped up and disappeared. The officer found it crashed shortly afterward near Trap Corner. The driver ran. Two occupants said he had tried to pull the emergency brake and turn onto Route 219.

At 5:29 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Railroad Street in Bethel for a report of a theft.

At 7:54 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy talked to a subject on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel regarding an intermediate license violation.

At 8:15 a.m. a Sunday River Road business reported a subject had walked out on his bar tab. Deputy Mike Halacy was assigned.

At 9:54 a.m. a caller reported a vehicle parked by the railroad tracks on Barker Road in Bethel with no plates on it. It was the second vehicle in two days.

At 10:16 p.m. a caller reported a raccoon, possibly rabid, behaving strangely on Mason Street in Bethel. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

Wednesday, May 2

(Time not listed) a caller reported he had hit and snapped a telephone pole on Route 26 in Bethel. A passenger had a lip injury.

At 6:20 a.m. a caller on the Intervale Road in Bethel reported a vehicle going through their emergency scene. Deputy Dani Welch was assigned.

At 4:34 p.m. a caller reported a burglary on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 8:28 p.m. a caller on the Richardson Hollow Road in Greenwood reported a flatbed truck had been stolen.

Thursday, May 3

At 6:05 a.m. on Route 2 in Bethel Deputy Dani Welch summonsed Chandler Wright for operating an unregistered motor vehicle and having no insurance.

At 12:44 p.m. a caller on the Intervale Road in Bethel reported a subject acting strangely and trying to sell meat out of a pickup truck. Deputies Dani Welch and George Cayer were assigned.

At 12:55 p.m. a caller on Mayville Road in Bethel reported a threat. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

A caller requested to speak to an officer regarding criminal mischief on the West Paris Road in Greenwood more than two weeks ago. Deputy Josh Wyman was assigned.

Saturday, May 5

At 10:56 a.m. a caller reported a threat on Jonathan Clark Lane in Bethel. Deputy Josh Wyman was assigned.

(Time not listed) a caller on Old County Road in Woodstock reported she had been in an accident and had a shoulder injury.

Monday, May 7

At 8:33 a.m. a Bethel caller reported telephone harassment. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 9:17 a.m. a caller reported someone dumping two gas tanks behind a dumpster on Mechanic Street. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 12:40 p.m. a caller reported a theft on the West Bethel Road. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



The Mahoosuc Community Band presented their spring concert Sunday afternoon at the West Parish Congregational Church in their usual outstanding fashion. Julie Schubert-Cowan on the trumpet playing The Yellow Rose of Texas and Scott Hynek on the xylophone playing Meditations on the First Prelude of J. S. Bach wowed the audience to standing ovations. Director Patricia Boyle-Wight announced the coming departure of three members to attend college: Chyanyna Millett-Cordwell, Nicholas Williams and Nicholas Hamel. Gaelan Boyle-Wight has joined the band. A number of students were in the audience. It was nice to see nearly a dozen Chinese students there as well. A quick concert via YouTube is on tap at http://youtu.be/8QdNw_bQNPU. Norm Milliard is currently applying his creative thinking to turning a three-room apartment with kitchen and bathroom into a frame shop and art gallery studio. All this is happening at 171 Main Street the property also identified as the Hiram Twitchell house. He has a very attractive setting to work with as he re-assembles interior furnishings for more Artistic Endeavors.

Colby's Small Engine Repair service is located at 59 Irish Neighborhood Road. Carl Colby is looking forward to a busy season and continues the long established Bailey Outdoor Power tradition. Carl services lawn mowers, garden tractors, rototillers, snow blowers, log splitters and minor repairs for ATVs.

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Friday morning Randy

Bennett showed his guest, Gordon Stuart of Westbrook, what amounts to a whole new Bethel Historical Society collection storage room created this winter within the Moses Mason House barn. Mr. Stuart was involved in developing the Management Plan for the Evans Notch Ranger District in 1976.

Thousands of artifacts, documents and family photographs of every kind were stored here. All were removed to allow work to be done. Storage room air conditioning will be a first for this building. Dan and Jeremy Gibbs, Vernon Davis and Matthew Cushman, electricians, were the people who did the work. As more funds can be raised, the room will be climate controlled and fireproofed.

One of the items pictured which was moved in the clearing out of the room is a postal scale used for Air Mail rates donated by the Bethel Post Office.

Our daughter, Apryl Samala, working for Wyndham Hotel Group has been working on a multi-year project developing several initiatives including a new online self-service management system. This system will allow properties to more effectively manage their rates, inventory and content along with flowing through to the right distribution channels. With this project she has been shuttling between the main office in Parsippany, N.J., and the call center in Saint John, NB. She is coordinating development and staff training in preparation for system implementation.

Brooks Bros. oil delivery management has undergone a huge upgrade this year both in the office and in the trucks. One of the biggest time savers comes from use of a computer flash drive to transfer delivery information from office to truck and from truck to office. Before this upgrade, drivers worked from a printed deliver book and returned written sales slips for account posting at the end of the day.

At the Irving/Circle K station in Mayville work is nearing completion on a major renovation. Fuel

tanks, pipes and pumps have been replaced. The Circle K store remained open throughout the period. According to store employees the condition of the station's fuel storage tanks had deteriorated to the point that not enough fuel could be stored for normal operations. Gaftek Petroleum Specialists LLC was in charge of the project. Gaftek's website says "We provide 24-hour emergency service, tank installations, tank upgrades, and facility inspections for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts." The company operates from two locations one in Maine and the other in New Hampshire. See photos with news online at www.thebethel-journals.info/News/Bethel050712.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Bethel is host to three excellent theater productions this weekend. If you schedule carefully, you can take in all three plays. Here are the offerings in chronological order. Tonight, May 10, and Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m., Gould Academy students are presenting the "Sound of Music" at Bingham Auditorium on Church Street. For more information you can call 824-7778. On Friday, May 11, the Bethel Community Players are presenting "The Butler Did It" by Kim Kelly at the Bethel Inn Resort. This dinner theater presentation begins at 5:30 with a reception in the Gibson Room and the first act begins at 6:20 p.m. Dinner will be served following the first act. The play received a rave review in the Lewiston Sun Journal last week. Tickets are \$29 and are available at the Bethel Inn, Timberlake's Home Store, and Ruthie's Boutique.

The Telstar High School's musical theater department is presenting

"Grease" on May 10, 11, and 12 at 7 p.m. There is a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, May 12. All performances are at the Helen C. Berry Auditorium at Telstar. The performances are free. Donations are accepted. On Saturday, there will be a community dinner at the Telstar cafeteria from 4 to 7 p.m. before the evening performance. The dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, and will include vegetable and pasta salads, chili, and lasagna. Desserts will include both homemade and those donated by Bethel area businesses. The proceeds from the dinner will go to the Telstar student council and the drama club.

You've probably noticed that local fields and roadsides are now filled with beautiful golden dandelions. If you haven't seen them, take a ride along Route 2 or Route 26 at midday. (Dandelions close early in the evening when daylight begins to fade.) Several times I have seen people stopping to take pictures of the flowers that cover the Blake farm fields along Route 26. Although the dandelion is one of the best known wildflowers, many people consider the flower to be a pest and they spend considerable time digging the plants out of their lawns (there is actually a special tool for this). The next time you think of the dandelion as a weed, consider its many uses. Both dandelion greens and blossoms can be eaten, medicine can be extracted from its roots, and wine made from its flowers. Because of its beautiful vibrant color, dandelions are one of my favorite flowers. For several years one of the children at the Norway library picked me dandelions in the spring. This year, he tells me he is "too old" to give flowers to girls.

It's almost time for the annual Bethel Library Plant Sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 9 to 10 a.m. on the lawn beside the Bethel Library at 5 Broad Street. The sale takes

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If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Time sure flies when things are busy and it also finds me being scatterbrained. When I made my calls for the news and Arlene Harrington told me that her youngest daughter, Dorie Hallman, had been there for her birthday, I realized that I had goofed up. So, here it is Arlene the whole neighborhood wishes you a very happy belated "up-side down" 86th Birthday! Let's see who figures this one out.

On May 19, starting at 9 a.m., will be the annual East Bethel Cemetery clean-up. Rain date is the 20th also at 9 a.m. Those who have things on graves are asked to remove them by the 19th if they want to keep them.

Penny Kittredge, her sister and brother are having an estate sale at their parents' home at 972 East Bethel Road. It will be held Saturday/Sunday, May 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No early birds please. There is a little of everything including furniture, kitchenware, a television, and a practically new gas generator.

Friday, May 11, the INN-side consignment shop will open its doors for business at 10:30 a.m. I hope to see you all there. For more details check our ad under For Sale in this issue

of The Citizen. Feel free to call Marcia or call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

It's time for the answer to the Trivia: At the 1872 Town Meeting it was voted to have a tax laid upon dogs.

It was suggested to me that I should add an Event Calendar to the column, which is a good idea and will try to do my best to comply, but will need everyone's help, thank you. Have a great week.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The Andover Service Circle announces the annual community clean-up day to be held May 19. Participants will gather between 8:30 and 9 a.m. at the Town Hall and be provided with gloves and bags and be given suggestions for what areas to work in removing roadside trash, bottles and cans. The clean-up time will be completed by noon when participants can return to the Town Hall for refreshments. The ASC will provide letters to students who are doing community service for school requirements.

May 19 will also find the May Fair event going on at the CEB, and if there is an overflow of crafters, at the Town Hall. Come out and support this fundraiser for the Hungry Kingdom Project that feeds our school children, breakfast, lunch and snack milk for the school year. You may contact Sharon Hutchins at 892-4351 to reserve a table.

The Andover Ed Fund met on Sunday evening to continue re-organizing procedures. Jarrod Dumas, who resides on Pine Street, was welcomed as the newest member of the board. Essays for the Sweatt, Thurston and Fox scholarships have been distributed to board members. The three awards will be made at the annual Andover Alumni Banquet on May 26. Other

business for the evening included housekeeping chores of adopting a new application for the Cutting Endowment, rescinding and refining procedures. The next meeting will be July 15. The board is looking for new members, as Jane Rich and Brad Thibodeau will end their lengthy years of service in July. This program helps Andover college and higher education students with scholarships and has awarded over \$600,000 during the past 27 years starting out with \$50 scholarships. Last year each applicant for the Cutting Endowment received \$2,500.

The Olde Home Day Committee met at the home of Marshall and Vickie Meisner on Monday evening. 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the Tel Star Satellite program which included "the Bubble" in Andover. On Olde Home Day there will be a gathering of people who worked at the station in the Town Hall upstairs room. To honor what was a life-changing event for our community, the satellite will appear on the t-shirt this year and the bubble on the traditional Olde Home Day button. The next meeting of the committee will be on June 11 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

If you are spring cleaning and have Household Hazardous wastes, please be reminded that there will be a collection day on Saturday, June 9, at the Transfer Station. There is no charge for this service which helps protect our environment.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid will stop serving their regular Sunday breakfasts next week (May 13); they do, however, have plans for a special Father's Day Breakfast. They will have their "Annual Tea" Friday, May 11, 10 a.m. in the Ladies Aid Building. This is their sign-up time for members new and old.

The Upton Historical Society will meet May 20, at 1 p.m. in the school. Drop in for the meeting and see what they do.

Clean-up at Forest Lodge went very well. Tons of

pine needles were raked and carted away, trees were pruned, blow-downs were sawed into stove-length wood and the lunch was great. A big thank you to everyone involved.

The State Line Snowmobile Club met Sunday to discuss their trail map, and to talk about their participation in Upton Fun Day.

The Letter B Notch Riders met Sunday. Membership applications were given out. Some business about checking account, and membership cards was completed. Potential trails, and park and ride locations were discussed. They decided to continue to hold their meetings in the Upton House. Their next meeting is June 10, 9 a.m. in the Upton House. Their mailing address is 270A Thistle Street, Upton, Maine, 04261.

The Upton Planning Board will have a workshop meeting Friday, their next regular meeting is set for May 25.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com to tell me your news.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



We talked to several people who stayed up late last Saturday night to watch the moon rise. Some of them even planned celebrations. We watched as it rose up over the mountain across from our house. The sky got quite white and as the moon came up over the mountain it got brighter and brighter. It was almost too bright to look at and it almost looked like daylight outside.

My brother, Steve McLain, said that he saw a Mrs. Hairy Woodpecker running up the light pole Sunday afternoon at his house. He said that this was the first one he had seen at his house in a long time. In fact, he cannot remember when he last saw one. When he was at Brad's house Saturday they heard one but could not see it.

Hugh has seen a Baltimore Oriole twice this past week. I missed it both times. There have been several White Crowned

Sparrows out on the front lawn along with the now brightly colored Purple Finches and Goldfinches.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day so Happy Mother's Day to all.

I mentioned Diane Bean in my column last week and she sent an e-mail to her sister, Lise McLain, to tell her that she showed the column to people at work and they were pleased. Diane grew up in Gilead and is a member of the Gilead Historical Society. We now know that she is a celebrity from the East Coast all the way out to Oregon!

Lise McLain spent time with friends on Saturday enjoying her salmon dinner watching the Kentucky Derby on NBC. One of the Derby horses that she selected to bet on was leading the race most of the way until the very end, and he eventually came in second. His name is Bodemeister.

Gilead Historical Society

The GHS met last Saturday, May 5, at the Town Hall. There were 15 people in attendance. Plans for Friends and Family Day were finalized. The theme this year will be the 1950's since that is the year that the schoolhouse will represent when the renovations are done. The day will begin at 10 a.m. when everyone will gather to get ready for the children's parade at 11 a.m. As always, the children's parade is for the children and all those "young at heart," so dress up like the 1950's and join us and have a fun time. There will be period music from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Town Hall. Displays will be set up in the buildings and food will be available for lunch. Children's games will be played and there may even be some demonstrations on some of the games played at the school when it was open as the village school. We would like to have some old cars from the 1950's for display to go along with the theme. The parade is small and on Depot Street so we have room only for people walking.

Morgan McLean, our youngest member, and her grandmother, Linda Taylor, did a couple of trifolds that told about things in the 1950's such as prices of food, clothing and slang that was used. These will be on display in June.

Bob and Judy Bishop and Tammy MacDormand donated some items (lamps and books) to the GHS. The lamps can go in the station and the books will go in the school.

There was an update on the building renovations and the grant that was received. This grant will fund a few items for the

Railroad Station, such as installing electricity, buying period lighting and rebuilding the chimney. Because we have also had generous donations from members, we will be able to finish some work on the Schoolhouse. The two doors on the front have been installed and the clappingboard has been done. There will be steps built after some landscaping is done and the building will get a nice new fresh coat of white paint. We can't stress enough that all donations, big and small, have been greatly appreciated. We will continue to look for grants to fund other projects.

The notice of the GHS receiving a grant got into the new Gorham, N.H., newspaper, the Gorham Gazette. We had great coverage, as always, in the Bethel Citizen and the Sun Journal.

After the meeting, Hugh picked up some old negatives from Tammy MacDormand that we are going to make into pictures. They could possibly be of the inside of the school that used to be by the Chapman Cemetery on the North Road. While he was out and about, he stopped at Deb Walther's and picked up some material she was donating to use for signs and while there the neighbor, Jane MacNeil, and her husband stopped by. (My apologies if I got the neighbor's name wrong).

Check out the pictures and more information on the GHS on Facebook and on gileadhistoricalsociety.blogspot.com

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

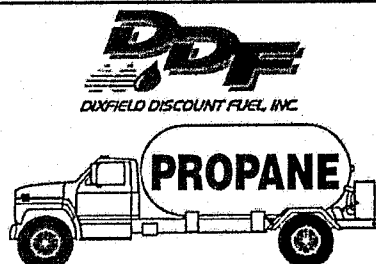
Albany



Greetings from Albany on this beautiful day! The leaves are popping out and the flowering plants are just beautiful. Melinda Robertson will graduate from CMCC on May 10 with an associates degree in early childhood education in applied science. Congratulations Melinda!

Norma Salway attended a family birthday gathering at Craig and Ethel Turner's in Otisfield where she was able to visit with her niece, Amber, her husband and two children, from Washington state.

Irene Anderson visited with her Uncle Elmer Edwards in South Harrison on Sunday. From there she headed to South Paris to visit her teacher from long ago, Edna Lord, who is now living at Market



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2011, a Judgement of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association v. Nelson Henry, under Docket No. RUM-RE-11-35, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Nelson Henry to the Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association said Judgement being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds and,

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendant, his successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgement of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2012, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows: Use Period II in Unit 324/326 (the "Quarter Share Estate") at the Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, a condominium established in accordance with the Maine Condominium Act, Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, and in accordance with the Maine statute regarding Time Share, Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, together with said Quarter Share Estate's percentage interest and all other appurtenant rights in Common Elements and Limited Common Elements, all as more particularly described in the Declaration of Condominium, The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, Newry, Maine, dated December 17, 1997, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2507, Page 117 (the "Declaration"), and as delineated on the Plans and Plans of the Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Plan numbers 3085 through 3092.

Said Quarter Share Estate and appurtenances are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all of the terms, provisions, conditions, restrictions, easements, covenants, obligations, reservations and encumbrances contained or referred to in said Declaration and said Plans and Plans, all of which are incorporated herein, as the same may be amended or modified from time to time.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Nelson Henry by Warranty Deed of the William F. McNeilly Trust dated November 19, 2004, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3628, Page 292, and entitled and subject to all benefits and restrictions as described therein.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Association at its place of business in Newry, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Association.

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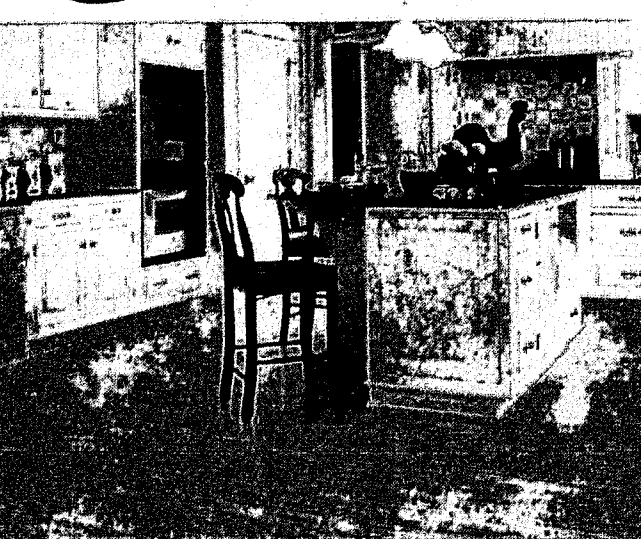
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Square Health Care Center.

Sunday afternoon Jane Wardwell and Margaret Barton attended the play, "On Golden Pond," in Auburn then had lunch at the Tin Tin restaurant.

My oldest son, David, visited me this weekend. He took me out to dinner on Friday night. We had breakfast at Melby's on Saturday morning. Dave mowed my lawn and got all my equipment ready for summer and did many other chores. Now, if I can just get my back working correctly, I will be ready to tackle my gardens and get back to school.

Have a good week everyone.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Last week's events at Rumford Grange 115 were well attended and the Grange members are appreciative of the support received for the free seed day on Saturday and the ham dinner on Sunday. The next dinner will be on July 8 and will be a senior citizens appreciation meal. Anyone over age 65 will get a free meal.

The Hanover Planning Board met last Wednesday for their monthly meeting. Joining the meeting was Hanover Select Board Chairman Brenda Gross along with Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman. They discussed the State Unified Building Code that is already in effect in many larger towns. Locally some of the smaller towns have adopted the new rules while others have chosen to ignore them. It is suspected that more discussion will be required before a decision is made for Hanover. The Planning Board approved one building enlargement project on South Shore Road and requested more information before approving the second project. The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for June 6 at 5 p.m.

Lucas Tree Service has been trimming around power lines along Route 2 east of Hanover. It is expected that the crew will continue through Hanover and along Howard Pond Road. A fleet of about eight trucks and the crews are working very hard to complete the work. Perhaps power failures will be less frequent after the work is done.

It has been reported that several cottages at Howard Pond have had doors or windows tampered with.

Charged up the battery for my lawn tractor that has set in the nice warm cellar all winter. Now ready to go, so took it to the old shed to hook it up to the tractor. Darn it! Wouldn't start, battery didn't hold a charge. Went back up to the hill to get the truck. Darn

it! Couldn't find the booster cables. Found the cables and drove to the tractor. Good, tractor started right up. Darn it! Tractor wouldn't run with a dead battery. Finally got it to run and drove it to the house. Darn it! Couldn't find the battery charger. Finally found the charger and hooked it up. Darn it! Late for supper.

Shawnee, Makala and Sara visited with Donna and Clem last weekend. We had lots of fun.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Hooray! I saw my first Hummer the early part of this week. And, "no," for those of you who believe Newry to be way far out in the boonies, it wasn't a HumV to which I was referring. It was a male ruby throated hummingbird come to spy his eye at my then empty feeder. Good thing that I left it hanging out all winter long. If it hadn't been spotted by the hungry Hummer, Lord only knows when I would have finally seen the season's first little beauty. Usually it requires of me, a visit to Grammie Carol's house, to properly know and prepare for the arrival of the Hummers. Call it dumb luck or just a blessing, I was super happy to find him back again the next day at the freshly-filled feeder.

Spring has sogged its way into our lives at last, hasn't it? After a crazy and unpredictable winter, our spring weather has bounced around like a sprung mattress coil. Rain, drizzle, showers and more rain, ah, the sun. Sunny but cooler and breezy, rain, showers, rain, drizzle... What happened to that one solid week of soaking, drenching rain that gently tapered off into a manageable drizzle? Followed by the explosion a new life shown in brilliant jewel tones once the dense fog had worn off and rolled away. But, complain no more! The whole valley has come alive! We've seen such wildlife! Moose, fox, raccoons, Canadian Geese, a squirrel and even an all too close sighting of a tree frog.

The little fellow was hitching a ride inside my car. However I did not realize it until the car was already in motion. I told the agitated amphibian to kindly stay put so as not to put us both out of the road. One hand on the wheel as I notice that the frog has stopped hopping into the glass of the rear window and was ever so slowly turning abruptly around to face...me. Or rather the back of my head! I make good use of my brakes and the nice gravel shoulder and leaped from the car, dancing a "Please

don't let there be a frog on me, getting to fall down the back of my shirt" jig. Don't know if there were any passersby to observe my jig or not, and didn't care at that point either. I'll have you know that it isn't easy to shake one's shirt in a vigorous manner with only one hand. Long story short, the frog did not hop on me, I found him and escorted him out and continued on my way.

I was headed to pick up some fresh goat's milk to feed Simon. And YES I did mention a squirrel. He is a 5- to 6-week old grey squirrel that we are rehabilitating until he's old enough to make it on his own. He was found and rescued by Benny. Our dog, Indy, had come across the fallen wee, small snip and was using him as a squeaky toy. I am pleased to tell you that we expect him to make a full recovery and I'm sure that we will have plenty more comical tales to tell before he is released back into the wild.

So, get outside and enjoy the many gifts that nature has to offer, carefully dodging rain drops along the way.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Almost mid-May and the weather is spring changeable. We finally

got the rain we needed, but was very glad of the sun this past weekend. I know we won't see it again for awhile, but the rivers and streams and, of course, the gardens needed the rain. Now they say we are in for three more days of it and maybe through Saturday. That is a little much, but the flowers need to grow as does the garden, what we've planted so far. I will not complain. The rain also keeps the dust down to a minimum on this dirt road that is home to too many speeders and their friends. My car gets dirty without me leaving the driveway!

The coming week promises to be busy for me. Activities and visits happening. Of course, I missed my friend's 60th birthday party because it was Sunday night and in Portland. Too much driving at the end of the day. Have to visit her another time.

Thursday, May 10, ACA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. This is a discussion group and it is open to new members. FMI please call 739-9115.

Thursday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. Oxford County Democrats will meet at the Western Maine University and Community Center in South Paris for a candidates forum. Program begins at 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 10, Friday, May 11, Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 13 at 8 p.m. "Jake's Women" will be performed by Oxford Hills Music and

Performing Arts Association at Norway Grange on Whitman Street. Tickets are on sale at Book's N Things in Norway.

Sunday, May 13, at 4 p.m. Mountain Poets will meet at Fare Share Commons on Main Street, Norway. All poets and poetry lovers are invited to attend. We will be discussing ongoing plans for Poets on the Porch in July. Bring your thinking caps AND your poems. FMI please call 739-9115.

I will stop here. Getting ready for more planting tomorrow between the rain drops. Have a good week.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



(Last week's column)

Hooray, we have finally entered the grand month of May! Say doesn't that usually mean it's supposed to be warming up day by day? Where oh where is that warm sun ray? Oh dear the spring warmth has gone away. All I can see is a sky colored in gray. If it doesn't show up soon my garden will starve and my chickens will not lay! We need the sun for the growth of the hay. The kids are shivering when they are outside at play. Please, please let's all get together and pray, or else in some way we shall all pay. Oh no My horse can only say neigh! My oh my, my skin is as pale as clay. Quickly I must look for a tan spray, Avon? Aver Aniston? or Mary Kay? That darn wind needs to go out to the bay! For the warm air needs to stay! But then we will need to put on that stinky old bug spray! Please Mother Nature make us all gay (happy)... please bring us a nice and warm month of May and then we will all be okay! Wow what a poet, right? That was pretty "poetic" that is my made-

up word for pathetic! Sorry I just felt poetic today as I sat down and started to type my column and looked out the window and only saw wind and rain.

The rain we received last week along with the sun was just the recipe we needed for the growth of the buds and grass for the fields which are rapidly growing a vibrant green and when the wind blows the shafts are so brilliant shifting and swaying. The tulips are blossomed and the cherry and apple blossoms are making their experience now. The tadpoles are all hatched out and the kids are having a ball collecting them.

Last week we got a lot accomplished. I took a day out of my busy schedule to help a friend make some curtains, and much to my knowledge the day turned out to be a girls social time. My mother and sister and a good friend Beverly came over for a visit, which turned out to be a relaxing time as I don't usually take the time to mingle. However, the spur of the moments seem to be a new favorite for both myself and my mother. Cause you know how you have things planned in advance and you kinda dread it and try and make the time perfect, but when things just fall in place and just happen then the time is more relaxing and easy to live in the swing of life. I plan every moment to the last minute of my day, but with five kids, a list full of multiple animals and a husband nothing ever seems to go according to my made-up schedule.

Thursday, the kids talent show went great. As always my kids did a wonderful job! My favorite was little Lacey being a comedian! Saturday, we had a freezing cold day of junior turkey hunting. We all set out in different directions in hope of bagging the biggest tom. Morgan and I set out, got nestled into our spot all camouflaged out, I did some various

hen calls and sure enough a tom gobbled back a few times but never seemed to get close enough to shoot, so we sat for hours while the wind blew in every direction and at one time there was a blizzard. We got the anxiety to sneak up closer to where we were hearing the gobbles from but just to find out he was on the wrong side of posted signs so we journeyed about in search of another tom and came across four does that we watched and videoed for an hour. They were leary of us but also inquisitive to see what we were and they came up to us within 15 feet. That was thrilling! We also saw a bear and a few squirrels and a partridge.

We journeyed up to the Phillips fields where it seems to be a piece of heaven with rolling hay fields and a gorgeous view. The farm is magnificent and a great place to usually find turkeys mingling in the fields; however not that day! We didn't harvest a bird but nevertheless we had a great time to bank in our memories for a lifetime. The other boys had no luck either; Silvan had a chance to fire but missed - maybe next time. She was catching up his zzz's with his good old dad next to a nice cold tree!

Sunday was a big day. We brought a pig to slaughter, not just any pig the very pig my sow died giving birth to. My mother-in-law saved the piglet's life. She hand raised her from birth till she was eating solids on her own. She did a great job being a substitute piggy mom! The pig at six months old dressed 260 pounds that will be some good eating! Sunday we also slaughtered a beef creature which we will cut up this Sunday, for it needs to hang for a few days in the cooler.

Monday my dryer stopped working and my warranty ran out just this January so my kindhearted husband traveled all the way down to Lowes

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after a 15-hour work day and bought me a new one! What a wonderful husband I have! Well we made it to the last day of the appliance sale! Honey...

My Thought for the Week: Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or bad luck. Pain either emotionally or physically all occurs to test the limits of our souls. Without these tests life would be smoothly paved, straight, and flat roads to nowhere! If someone hurts you, betrays you, or breaks your heart, forgive them... for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious to whom you open your heart to. There comes a time when you must stand alone. You must feel confident enough within yourself to follow your dreams, you must be willing to make sacrifices, you must be capable of changing and rearranging your priorities so that your final goal can be achieved. Be strong enough that you won't settle for a compromise just to get by. Appreciate yourself by allowing yourself the opportunity to grow

and find your true sense of purpose in this life. Don't stand in someone else's shadow when it's your sunlight that should lead the way. Hold your head held high because you have every right to. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself!

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



More Wild Weasel:

Next morning we were again up at about 3:30 a.m. for a

quick breakfast and a 4:30 a.m. briefing. The primary target was again in the Hanoi area defended by numerous SAM sites. This time, a large weather system had the target area socked in with heavy concentrations of monsoon type clouds and rain. The primary target was scrubbed from the schedule, and the bomb carrying Thuds were assigned other lesser defended targets in southern areas of NVN or adjacent areas of Laos where the so-called Ho Chi Minh trail of truck

roads through mountain passes supported the southern infiltration of supplies to the Viet Cong and NVN military forces in South Vietnam. As the likelihood of SAMs in those areas was small, the wild weasel mission was cancelled.

The Air Force had strict rules about which missions "counted" toward the 100 required before you could be sent "home" with credit for a completed combat tour. To "count," an aircrew member had to be assigned a mission that required his aircraft to pass over some portion of NVN territory; bombing adjacent areas of Laos or South Vietnam didn't "count," although some of these areas had lots of AAA defenses. At this time in my tour, about the only "easy" wild weasel missions (outside the SAM defended areas) were BUFF support, as B-52 bombers were called "big ugly fat fellows" (use imagination to figure other acronyms for the "Fs").

In those days, the Army called for B-52 strikes on areas of suspected NVN army and Viet Cong troop

concentrations or supply buildup areas, often in Laos or near the U.S. Marine troops near Khe Sanh, near the Vietnamese demilitarized zone (DMZ). The Air Force feared that the NVN would bring a SAM site into the southern panhandle of NVN, near the B-52 target areas, keep it camouflaged until an opportune time to shoot down a B-52. We wild weasels were assigned to patrol the skies over the likely SAM sites, ready to launch a Shrike missile as soon as a SAM radar signal tried to track a BUFF. Most of these missions seemed to occur at night, when enemy movements were most likely.

Sam and I were finally tasked for a BUFF support mission near the DMZ for our first combat mission - at night, since our first few daytime missions had scrubbed. We were to orbit over NVN, near the DMZ, from 15 minutes before BUFF time over target (TOT) until after they dropped their bombs. One thing that concerned us was that SAC refused to tell us the coordinates for the BUFF tar-

get. We would be orbiting at around 15,000 feet altitude, while the B-52's were above 30,000 feet, and we didn't want to be under them when they released their 300 bombs! We had only a general idea of the target area. We were not even given a radio frequency so we could talk to the crews.

We took off well after dark and headed to our orbit area, intending to use a bearing and distance from DaNang AFB tactical air navigation (TACAN) beacon to determine our orbit area. We found flying at night presented some annoying problems. Any lights inside our cockpits reflected off the inside of the canopy, making it nearly impossible to see anything outside. We dimmed all our instrument lights to a level where we could barely read them, so they didn't reflect too much off the canopy. We had been warned about the lights in the buttons of our radar warning receiver, so we put masking tape over these buttons, but they were still somewhat annoying. Plus, occasion-

ally, the red LAUNCH light would flicker on due to spurious radar or radio signals in the area. This light required two or three layers of masking tape to become tolerable. We didn't worry about the launch light as long as there were no real SAM radar signals on my scopes.

One other annoyance bothered us until we figured out what it was. The U.S. Marines near the DMZ had a counter mortar radar battery which tracked enemy mortar or rocket launches to determine their locations. Trouble was, this radar signal appeared almost exactly the same as the NVN anti-aircraft artillery radars which accompanied their big AAA guns. Every time one of these radar beams passed our aircraft, the green radar warning receiver strobes, which could not be dimmed, arced across the scope, lighting up the inside of our canopy again!

After a seemingly long time orbiting, we saw the B-52 bombs flashing in the darkness, as an awesome display as about 300 bombs

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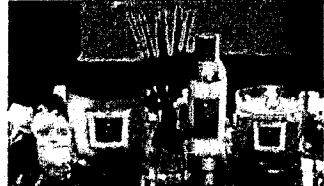


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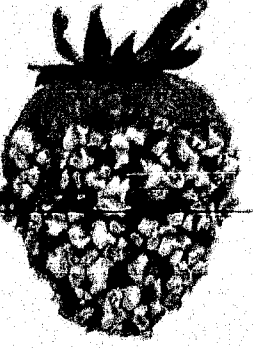
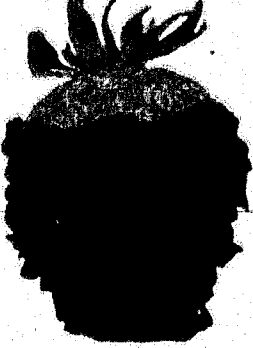
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pounded the jungle below! We were soon released to RTB (return to base), having seen no sign of a SAM radar signal.

Finally, we could use a ball point pen and place the first line on our Australian Bush Hat brim as we began our 100 mission count!

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Remember the Whitman Memorial Library program is today, May 10, at 2 p.m. Game Warden Norman Lewis is guest speaker. The public is invited, no charge, light refreshments.

Remember the Grange Mock Hee Haw Show will be held on Saturday, May 19, at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Money made will help with repairs to the hall. Refreshments will be on sale. Come for a fun evening.

The Woodstock Extension will meet on Wednesday, May 16, for a greenhouse tour.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Locke Mills Church for a meeting on Thursday, May 3. A delicious dinner was served by the Ladies Circle. Program: Norma Davis showed the mittens she makes from wool sweaters. Next month they go out to dinner.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30, evening service at 6. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. The afternoon service held April 29 was very good. A total of 153 people attended and young people from 3 years old up to teens took part and all did an excellent job singing, playing the piano and flute and also preaching. Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will hold a meeting Monday, May 14, at the Grange Hall.

The Historical Society will meet Saturday, May 12, at the Museum. A 6

p.m. supper will be followed by meeting and program. New members always welcome.

Museum invites Paulus Design Group to create exhibits

The Maine Mineral and Gem Museum (MMGM) of Bethel has chosen the Paulus Design Group, Inc. of Bath and Washington, DC to create museum exhibits and environments for the new museum which will showcase the largest collection of Maine gems and minerals in the world. Jay Paulus, ASID, Principal & Design Director, is leading the Museum board and staff through a design process of self discovery, to produce conceptual designs with a storyline and creative concepts. Gena S. Schwam and Jim Mann have been partners in this process.

"We are thrilled to be working with a world-class design firm with the level of expertise that the Paulus Design Group brings to the Museum. We knew immediately from the first interview that this is the ideal firm to develop our project," said Schwam.

The designs will be fully developed in consultation with a collection of scholars, including miners who brought the materials from the earth, geologists who interpret the minerals, historians who have documented the miners' stories, and educators who will develop curriculum materials for visiting students and families.

Visual concepts will be previewed with the Museum's various constituencies in Spring and Summer 2012 at local meetings. The Paulus Design Group

will guide the exhibit development, construction and installation of the Museum. Architectural planning is being done by Jim Reuter of Smith Reuter Lull Architects of Lewiston and Bethel.

The Paulus Design Group is an award winning museum planning, architecture and exhibition design company specializing in interpretive design, master planning, and environmental graphics. Their clients have included: the Smithsonian Institution; Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum; Louisiana Children's Discovery Center; Green Mountain Coffee Roaster's Museum and Café, VT; Mercedes-Benz Visitor Center in Tuscaloosa, Ala; and Bowdoin College.

The MMGM collection, numbering thousands of outstanding and rare specimens, has been assembled by Dr. Lawrence T.P. Stifler and Mary McFadden, Esq., long-time residents of Brookline, Mass. and Albany Township. Dr. Stifler and Ms. McFadden are active nationally in land and water conservation, and locally with the Mahosuc Land Trust and other area non-profits. Their interest in mineralogy was heightened with a 2005 land purchase of the Bumpus Mine, which produced some of the world's largest beryl crystals, including an amazing 25-30 foot beryl specimen 80 years ago. These crystals were subsequently acquired by the American Museum of Natural History and other museums. Educational tours of the Bumpus Mine are available seasonally to school groups.

Exceptional tourmaline, including the famous watermelon variety from Newry and amethyst, aquamarine, and morganite along with rose and smoky quartz continue to

be found in Maine, with the major gem deposits in Oxford County.

Since the 18th century, Maine has been a source of granite, limestone, feldspar, mica, crushed stone, sand and gravel with even gold, silver and copper found in small quantities.

The Maine Mineral and Gem Museum will open in 2013 in a building complex on Main Street in Bethel, with exciting and eye-catching exhibitions, an extensive Museum store, research facilities and educational programs for children and adults.

A membership organization, fundraising, and an entrepreneurial business plan will help insure the Museum's future. For more information, contact: Gena S. Schwam, Director, Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, in Bethel, ME at 207-824-3036, or gschwam@mainemineral-museum.org.

BHS presents free films

Beginning on Wednesday, May 16, at 2 p.m., and thereafter on every other Wednesday through June 27, the Bethel Historical Society will present a series of free films on a variety of subjects, including farming, fishing, and logging and lumbering.

These "Mud Season Movies," lasting about one hour, will be shown in the Robert Chadbourne, Jr., Room at the society's Robinson House, 10 Broad Street (next door to the Bethel Library).

They will be introduced by Bethel Historical Society Trustee Dick Hale, retired University of Maine forestry professor, or a BHS staff member.

One of the first films to be featured will be the recently released "In The Blood: Uncovering the Life, Skills and Character of the Turn of the Centu-

ry Maine Lumbermen and River Drivers."

Produced in 2011, this film illustrates and celebrates these individuals, their character, ethics, and history, with stunning photography, vintage film footage, interviews, and a compelling soundtrack. It was the skills, integrity and personalities of individual men that made the Maine lumber camp successful, and "In The Blood" brings the Maine lumbermen's turn-of-the-century reality to life with stories told by the men themselves.

Art show

On Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Bethel Historical Society will host its annual "Faye Taylor Memorial Art Show," which features the work of students in Grades 1 through 6 in S.A.D. 44.

This year's student art will be exhibited in the Molly Ockett Room of the society's Robinson House, located at 10 Broad Street next door to the Bethel Library.

The 2012 Art Show theme is "The Woods and Lakes Around Us," a subject that will be further explored in the society's upcoming exhibit, "They Took to the Woods," about the history of outdoor recreation in western Maine.

Art Show guidelines have been made available to all SAD 44 students in grades 1-6, and artwork should be delivered to the society's Robinson House by 3 p.m. on Friday, May 25, in order to be considered for a prize.

On Saturday morning, several judges will look at all entries to determine how they relate to this year's theme and to choose the winners. Ribbons, certificates and cash prizes (\$50 First Prize, \$35 Second Prize, and \$20 Third Prize) will be awarded to the winners in three divisions: Grades 1 and 2, Grades 3 and 4, and Grades 5 and 6. The society wishes to thank Donald and Kathy

Bennett of Bethel for again supporting the awarding of cash prizes.

This art show honors the memory of Faye Sanborn Taylor (1908-1972), a local landscape painter who was very interested in encouraging the creative talents of young people. She was a charter member of the Bethel Historical Society, which was founded in 1966. Questions about the contest should be directed to the society at 824-2908 or info@bethelhistorical.org.

Service notes



AIRMAN KYLE A. MORGAN

Air Force Reserve Airman Kyle A. Morgan, 24, husband of Lorie Morgan, father of Dakota and Avery Morgan, and son of Jonathan and the late Pauline Morgan, from South Paris, graduated from Basic Military Training on March 9 at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The Airman completed an intensive eight-week program that included training in Military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Airman Morgan is a 2007 graduate of Telstar Regional High School.

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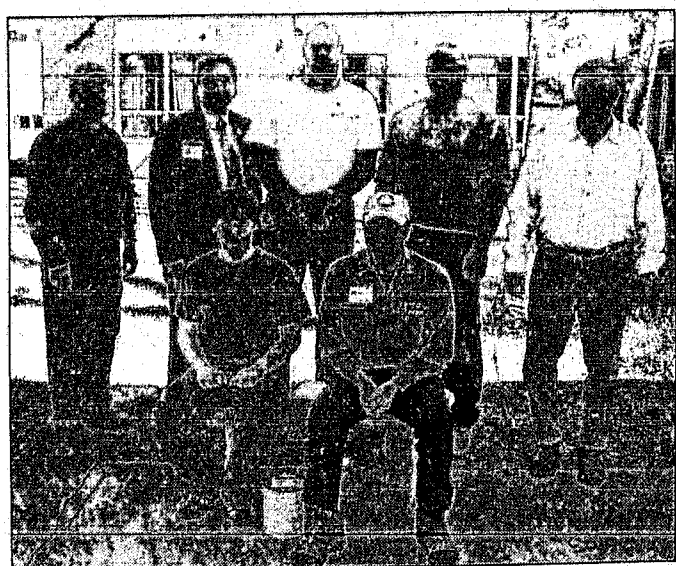
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CPS play: Children to be cast in Arthurian legend

Auditions for the Children's Stage Adventures production of "The Sword Called Excalibur" will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, May 14, at Crescent Park School gymnasium. Approximately 50 children from SAD 44, grades kindergarten through 5th, will be cast to appear in the show with CSA actor/educators Kyle Aarons and Kaitlyn Glover. The performance will take place at Crescent Park School at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

The play begins as a group of hard working villagers and neighboring forest creatures hail the arrival of the troubadour. The troubadour begins a tale, which magically transports the village back in time. The story comes to life as the young local actors take on the roles of wizards and knights. They will become Sir Ector and his subjects, Morgan Le Fay and her scheming partners, young Arthur, young Kay and their trusty dog, Cabal. The play continues with forest creatures teaching Cabal lessons about curiosity, Merlin and his apprentice wizards training Arthur to be king, and a group of bandits living in Sherwood Forest showing Kay a thing or two about fairness. A tournament and festival carry the story to its end when Arthur draws the sword from the stone and is crowned King.

Children planning to audition should arrive by the scheduled starting time and plan to stay for the entire two-hour session. No advanced preparation is necessary to take part in the auditions. Rehearsals will be conducted from 2:30 to 7 p.m. every day of the week prior to performances. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week, and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the auditions. The first rehearsal will begin about 30 minutes after the auditions. A light snack will be provided for the children staying for this first rehearsal. Cast members scheduled to rehearse for the full four hours in one day will be asked to bring a sack meal or snack.

Kaitlyn Glover, from Canton, Ohio, and Kyle Aarons from McKean, Pa., will be the team of Actor/Educators from Children's Stage Adventures. This is Kaitlyn and Kyle's first tour together though both have extensive tour backgrounds with CSA and working with children in theatre. This is Children's Stage Adventures thirteenth year touring across the northeast US and Canada, with 70-plus residencies scheduled. Based in Sullivan, N.H., CSA is a nonprofit organization supported in part by charitable donations. This coming year hundreds of cast members will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, communities, neighbors and teachers.

The residency at Crescent Park School is made possible with support from SAD 44, The Bethel Inn Resort, Gould Academy, proceeds from last year's performance, parent and community volunteers. For more information, please contact Amy Lehman at 824-7890 or aplehman@yahoo.com

Come out and support the youth of your community while enjoying a great show!

Sports

High School Varsity Baseball

Telstar 11, Livermore Falls 0; May 7- Telstar's Corey Howard led the hitting attack going 3 for 3 with a home run and 7 RBIs. Dan Whitney earned the win on the mound going all 5 innings allowing just 3 hits while striking out 7 Spruce Mt. Phoenix. Coach Bob Remington

High School Varsity Softball

Spruce Mt. 13, Telstar 1; May 7- The Rebels were held to 4 hits while Spruce Mt had 12. The Rebel defense committed 5 errors to allow the home team to amass 13 runs. Jessica Dirago took the loss, striking out 6 and walking 6. Taylor Savage, Jessica, Autum Morin and Maisey Griffin got the only hits for the Rebels. Coach Jim Lunney

THS Boys' Track

Meet at Telstar, May 7-Hebron 177, Telstar 131, Winthrop 106, Dirigo 66, Mt. Valley 44, Mt. Abram 25, Gould 16, Buckfield 0. Telstar competitors: Racewalk: Winning time 7:33. 3. Julius Utz 11:37. 3,200m relay: 1. Telstar (Lewis, Ryerson, Griffin, Holt) 8:56.8. 110 hurdles: Winning time 17.1. 5. Dylan Helms 21.5. 100m: WT 12.0. 8. Dylan Helms 12.9; 13. Cody Boivin 13.1; 29. Matt Bolen 15.0. 1,600m: 1. Josef Holt 4:49.5; 3. Ben Lewis 4:59.1; 5. Casey Kellner 5:35.5; 9. Nick Johnson 6:01.3. 400m: WT 57.9; 2. Adam Literak 58.9; 3. Jared Vermette 59.0; 11. Michael Dougherty 67.8. 300m hurdles: WT 50.8; 6. Dylan Helms 55.5. 800m: 1. Austin Ryerson 2:14.9; 2. Maverick Griffin 2:19.3. 200m: WT 23.7; 4. Cody Boivin 26.1; 6. Adam Literak 27.1; 20. Michael Dougherty 40.3. 3,200m: 1. Josef Holt 10:03.1; 6. Henry Brooks 12:54.2; 8. Greg Wheeler 14:12.1; 9. Julius Utz 15:52.6. 1,600 relay: 1. (Literak, Griffin, Vermette, Ryerson) 3:56.4. Shot put: Winning distance: 48.02.5. 3. Will Lyman 43.02.0. 9. Tim Jewell 36.03.0. 12. Carson McKay 32.00.0. Javelin: WD 132.09.0. 3. Tim Jewell 125.03.0; 4. Will Lyman 123.11.0; 5. Dylan Helms 115.04.0. Long jump: WD 18.00.5. 12. Matt Bolen 13.07.5; 20. Michael Dougherty 11.07.0. Discus: WD 133.00.0. 2. Will Lyman 104.07.0; 4. Carson McKay 100.06.0. 5. Tim Jewell 96.04.0. Triple jump: WD 36.08.5; 4. Cody Boivin 31.04.0.

THS Girls' Track

Meet at Telstar, May 7-Dirigo 159, Mt. Valley 96, Winthrop 90, Telstar 45, Hebron 31, Buckfield 13. 400m: Winning time 1:04.1. 3. Katie Blaszcak 1:08.0; 4. Casey Blaszcak 1:09.5; 11. Hali Barter 1:24.0; 12. Rebecca Tuttle 1:24.4; 13. Cecelie Ellefsen 1:32.1. 800m: 1. Alyssa Brands 3:00.5. 200m: WT 29.3. 2. Katie Blaszcak 30.3. 15. Savannah Pelletier 34.2. 1,600m relay: WT 4:50.8. 2. Telstar (K. Blaszcak, C. Blaszcak, Brands, Tuttle) 4:53.9. Shot put: Winning distance 32.11.5; 13. Cecelie Ellefsen 21.01.5; 18. Hali Barter 18.11.0. Javelin: WD 109.05.0; 6. B. Tuttle 57.07.0. Long jump: WD 14.07.0; 2. Katie Blaszcak 14.01.5; 17. Savannah Pelletier 9.03.0. Discus: WD 70.05.0. 13. Hali Barter 45.11.5.

TMS J.V. Baseball

The TMS JV Boys baseball team defeated Spruce Mountain 6-0 on Monday at CPS. Telstar had excellent pitching and team defense. Pitchers Josh Eliot, Tanner Wheeler, and Marcus Wentworth combined to throw a shut out, three hit ball game, while the defense held strong behind them. The offense was led by Tanner Wheeler and Boston Ludden. Each had doubles, while Duncan Forbes, Russell Cushman, Josh Eliot, Marcus Wentworth, Schuyler Leff, and Caleb Merrill all added singles. The team played a great game. Coach Andy Whitney

Boys' Varsity Lacrosse

Gould 10, Kimball Union Academy 8; May 2- The Huskies traveled a long way to face the KUA Wildcats. It was a close game throughout and with one minute left, the score was tied 8-8. KUA fouled a Gould player and the Huskies' Brian Boucher scored almost immediately in the penalty period. On the ensuing face-off, Gould earned possession of the ball and found the back of the net one more time on a Kaelan Fitzpatrick lay-up goal.

Gould 10, Hebron 4; May 5- The Huskies took to the road today and bested their rival, the Lumberjacks of Hebron Academy, by a final score of 10-4. Brian Boucher led the way offensively with five goals and two assists. Other scorers included Kaelan Fitzpatrick (2), Eben Wilde (1), Tyler Janvrin (1), and Blake Wilson (1). The story of the day, however, was the tough and intense play of the defensive unit including Ben Alpert, Hayden Hoelscher, Steve Kang, Zach Finnimore, Zach Bouchard, Harrison Mullen, and Nate Brown. After allowing 13 goals in the previous match up with Hebron, the Huskies' defense held Hebron to just one goal until the fourth quarter.

CONTRACTORS' DAY- On Saturday, May 19, Telstar middle and high schools will be hosting the fourth annual Contractors' Day at the Telstar Complex. A variety of indoor and outdoor projects are planned. Exterior projects will include: ditching along drive/road ways around the complex, athletic fields grooming, water drainage work, staining of outer buildings, maintenance garage and school building's trim and doors, landscaping of flower gardens, and setting potted plants under the main entrance canopy. Interior work will consist of touch-up painting of offices, classrooms and hallways, as well as constructing and installing storage units and shelving. Telstar High School students, parents, community members are welcome to participate and help out with facilities' and grounds' improvement projects. Breakfast will be provided in the cafeteria starting at 7 a.m. Lunch will also be provided to contractor day workers from noon to 1 p.m. in the Telstar Cafeteria. Contractors' Day projects and activities will end at 4 p.m. More information and sign up for Contractors' Day is available by either calling the high school office 824-2136 and/or emailing TMS Principal Rafford (raffordc@sad44.org) THS Principal Hart (hartd@sad44.org). Pictured above are, front: Liam Gallagher and Ivory Currier. Back: Doug Wilson, Dan Hart, David Berry, Mark Dirago and Ron Deegan.



FUNDRAISER PLANNED AT WES- The Produce Pursuit 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids' Fun Run is a Woodstock Elementary School fundraiser to raise money for the school's fruit and vegetable healthy snack program. All funds raised go toward purchasing produce from local businesses to help educate children about healthy eating, and providing them with healthy snack options during the school day, and for afterschool activities and events. The event will take place June 9. There will also be a free 1 mile Kids Fun Run on Rumford Ave. for kids ages 12 and under. The Fun Run will begin at 8 a.m., with the 5K following at 9 a.m. This event is aimed at runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. The registration fee for the 5K run/walk is \$20 prior to event day. Onsite registration on race day will be \$25. Registration includes refreshments and an event T-shirt for the first 100 participants. Participants may register online until June 7 through active.com. Registrations are also available at the Woodstock Elementary School. The top 3 Male and Female finishers will be recognized. All kids who participate in the Fun Run will also receive recognition for their hard work. A raffle will be held for all participants. All events will start and finish at the Woodstock Elementary School. Please call 665-2228 with questions or to volunteer.

News from The Eddy School

Students at The Eddy are working with Mahoosuc Land Trust and Mike Cooper of Caribou Trail Design to learn about GPS systems and geocaching. Students presented oral reports on various aspects of GPS systems and learned about the trilateration method of locating a point on a map. (This is the 2D version of what a GPS does in 3D.) Mike taught us how to use the GPS last week, challenging two teams of students to hide a cache for the other team to find after learning more details about how to use the machines. The girls team hid theirs in a shelter they had built in an earlier week when Chris Hayward came to demonstrate and teach survival skills after we finished reading "The Sign of the Beaver." The boys, as eighth-grade boys are apt to do, hid theirs in the Port-a-Potty! This coming week, we will be searching for geocaches in Grafton Notch to gain a sense of what works best, and May 17 we plan to hike Puzzle Mountain and hide our own geocache so Mahoosuc Land Trust can attract more hikers to this trail.

On May 15, students will be giving oral presentations on the service work they did this year. They were all required to give at least 20 hours of service in any format of their choosing. Presentations will be at the Bethel Hostel at 7. Friends and family are invited as well.

Our final bi-monthly parent/child book group will be held Thursday, May 24, at Laurie Bailey's house in Andover. We met every other month to share a meal and discuss great literature with parents and students.

Lastly, May 25, our last day of school, we will be celebrating our time together this year at Jim Sysko's with a BBQ and fun time. We worked on a STEM program this year surrounding the idea of a trip to Mt. Everest. One piece of this project had the students design a zip-line to rescue their climbing team members who had altitude sickness. After designing and testing their own models, Jim came and discussed his mile-long zip with the students, and we went up to see it. They are hoping to be able to try out his smaller zip line he has over his pond at our celebration to tie in with our big project.

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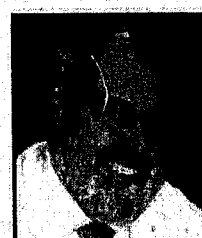
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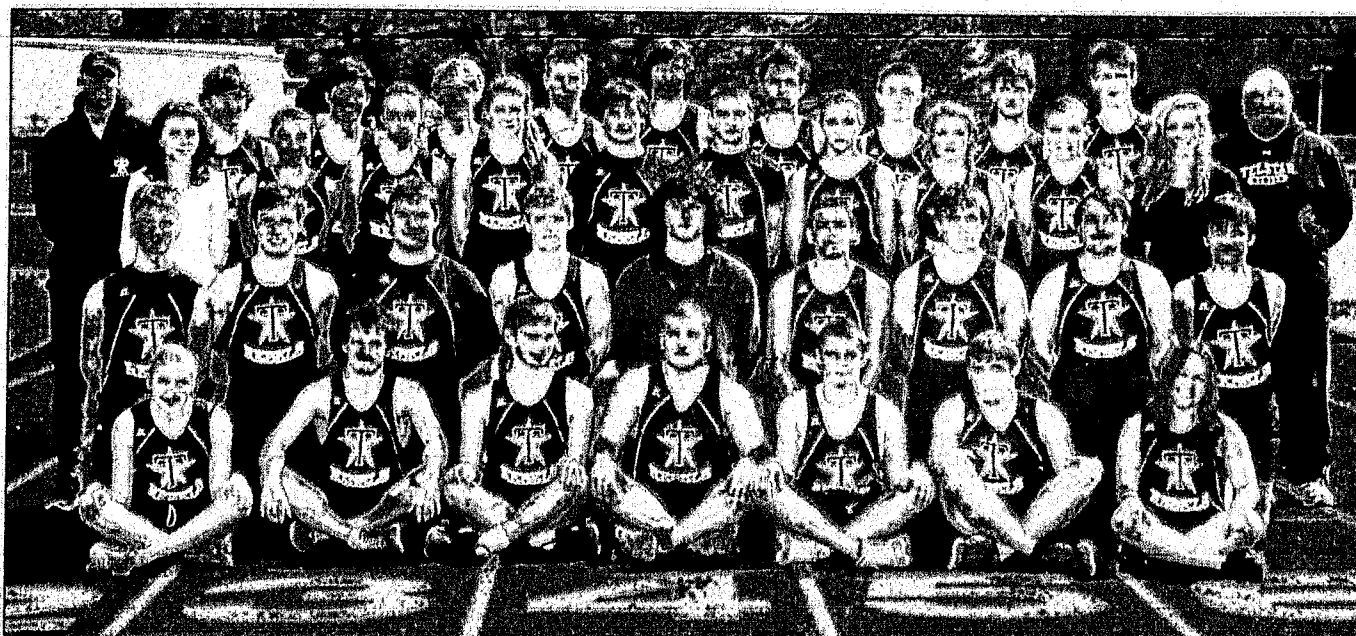
**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL
2012 J.V. BASEBALL**
Front: Eric Lowell, David Mason, Andrew Mills, Chris Chappie, Tyler Cherkis, Buddy Williamson. Back: Logan Bartlett, Joey Blanchard, Coach John Eliot, Coach Josh Aylward, Zach Mills, Rick James, Cole Davis.



**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL
2012 VARSITY SOFTBALL**
Front: Gaby Conrad, Tasha Farnum, Katie Merrill, Corey Coolidge-Chase, Ellie Conrad, Sadie Ellsworth, Gabi Stone, and McCaela Prentice. Back: Kallie Brown, Autum Morin, Savanna Patenaude, Jessica Dirago, Rachael Wheeler, Lyndsay Merrill, and Maisie Griffin.



**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL
2012 J.V. SOFTBALL**
Front: Gabi Stone, McCaela Prentice, Sadie Ellsworth, Annie Cushman and Kijah Bartlett. Back: Jen Wakefield, Katie Merrill, Vanessa Godwin, Savanna Patenaude, Ellie Conrad and Sannah Laird. Absent: Lexi Broomhall.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2012 TRACK & FIELD
Front (sitting): Emeleigh Parsons, Matthew Keane, Henry Brooks, Tim Jewell, Nik Conrad, Dylan Helms, Cecelle Ellefsen. Second row (Kneeling): Austin Ryerson, James Lowell, Will Lyman, Adam Mahar, Avery Rossow (Gould Academy), Michael Dougherty, Carson McKay, Mat Bolen, Julius Utz. Back (standing): Coach Dan Crooke, Haley Therault (manager), Nick Johnson, Savannah Pelletier, Ben Lewis, Gabby Monzo, Jared Vermette, Casey Blaszcak, Joseph Holt, Liam Gallagher, Cody Bolvin, Maverick Griffin, Adam Literak, Alyssa Brands, Bronson Dean, Haley Barter, Casey Kellner, Rebecca Tuttle, Gregory Wheeler, Rayanne Morin, Coach David Leclerc. Absent: Manager Alexis Risko, Jenna Putnam, Katie Blaszcak.

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by Helene Hovanec

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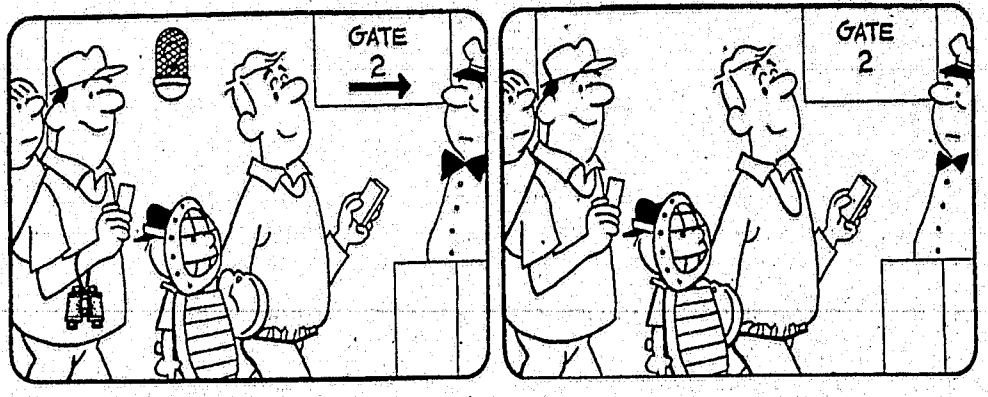
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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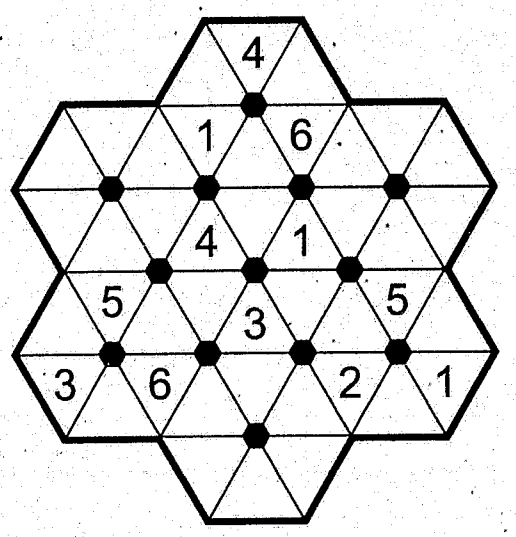
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult
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SCRAMBLERS

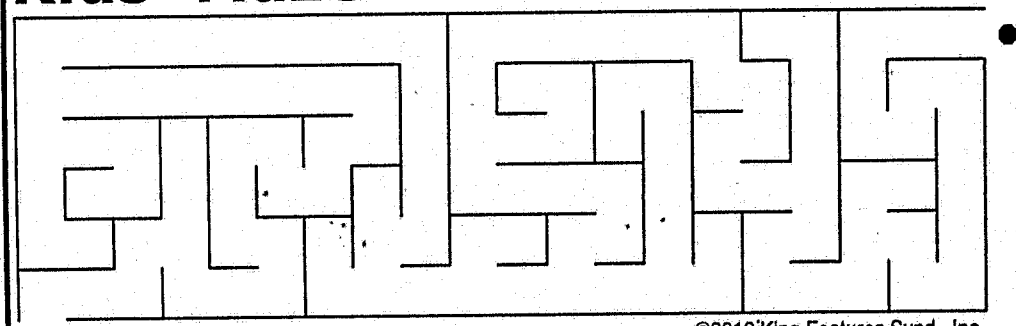
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Busy VACITE
Give Way LEIDY
Equal CAMTH
Cease SLEAP

TODAY'S WORD

"I wish they'd come up with a _____ anniversary—
I could use a new credit card!"

Kids' Maze

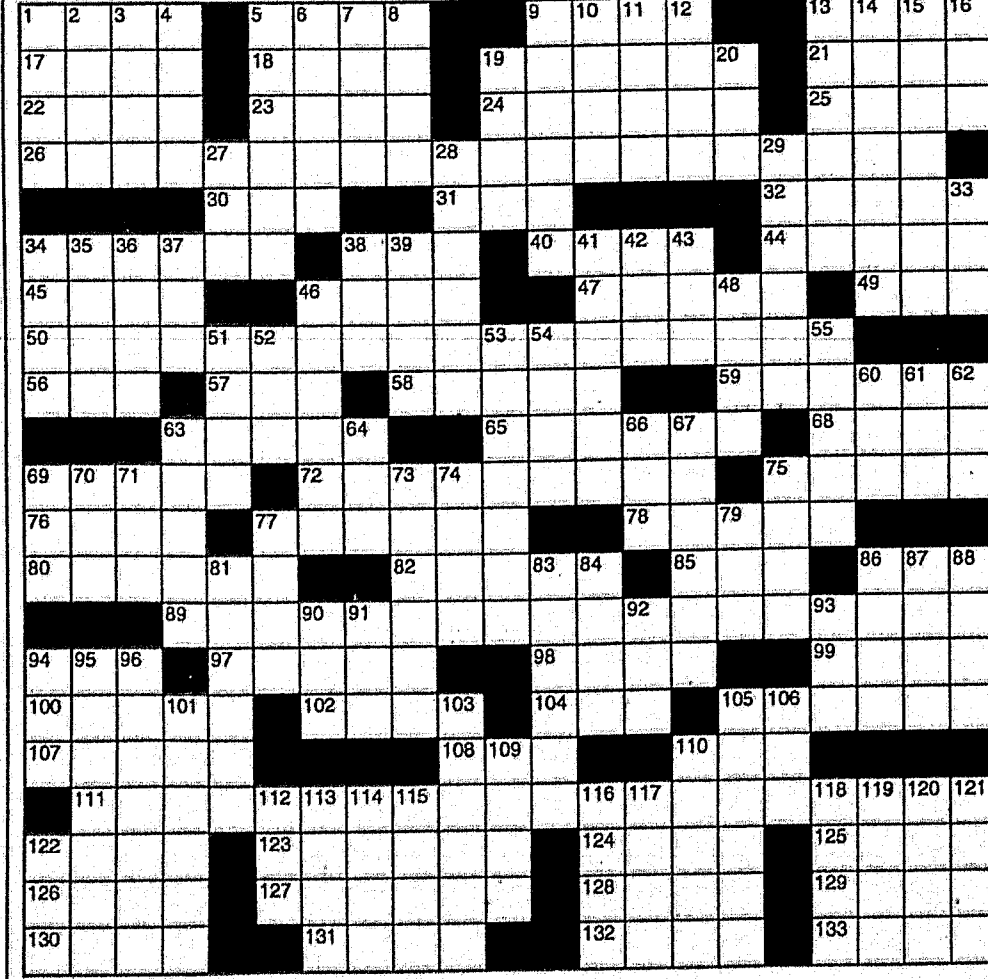


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Super Crossword

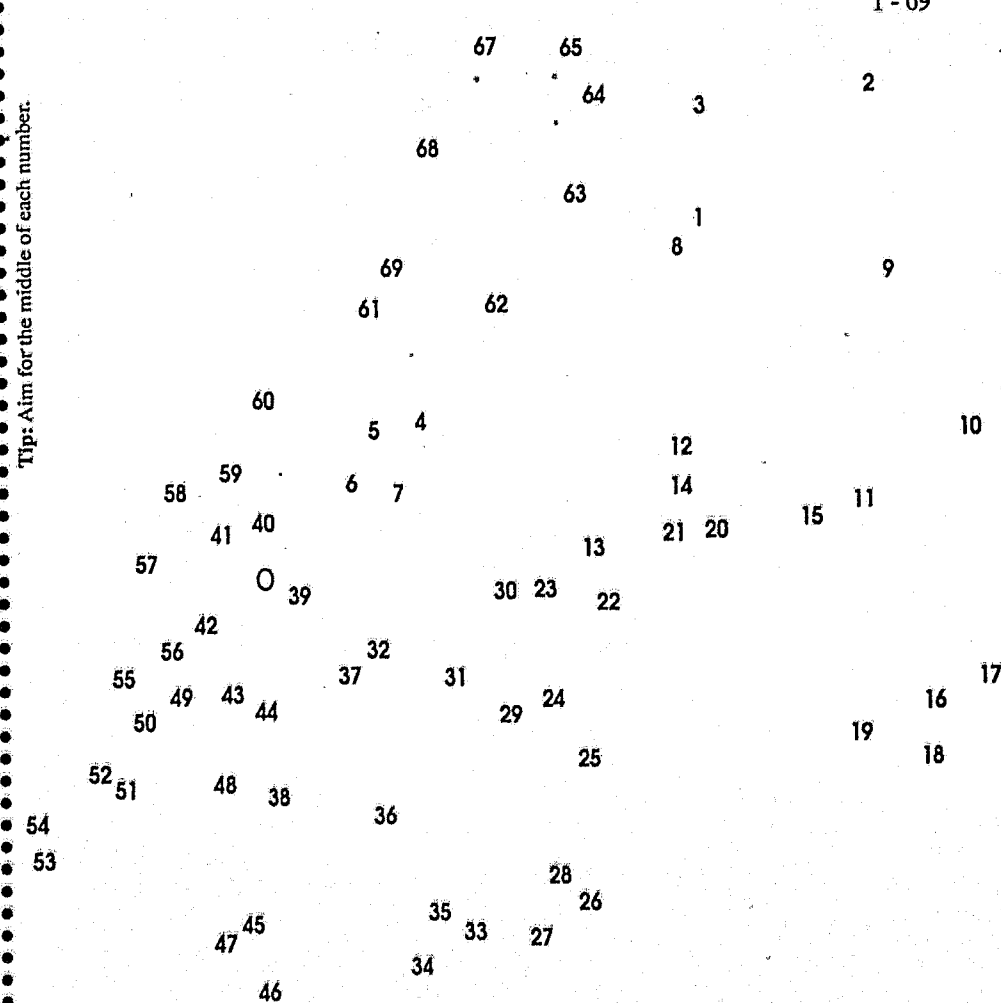
THE MINIMOM

- ACROSS
- 1 Word with dance or hero
 - 5 —Pet
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 - 13 Rushes
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 - 18 "You —?" (Lurch's line)
 - 19 Merchant
 - 21 —partridge in ...
 - 22 Derma-tological problem
 - 23 Foot part
 - 24 Event of 622
 - 25 Fancy
 - 26 Start of a remark by Roseanne
 - 30 "Sheila" singer
 - 31 Echidna's tidbit
 - 32 Account entry
 - 34 Arthurian knight
 - 38 Dunce
 - 40 Scandinavian capital
 - 44 Susan Lucci role
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 - 46 Burly Burl
 - 47 Black and white delight
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 - 59 Spouse of Isis
 - 63 Football's Lavell
 - 65 "The Scarlet Letter" heroine
 - 68 Curtain fabric
 - 69 Agricultural inventor
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 - 75 Tucker or Roberts
 - 76 Land measure
 - 77 Crops up
 - 78 Montezuma, for one
 - 80 Peat's place
 - 82 Forster's
 - 86 Shorten a skirt
 - 89 Part 4 of remark
 - 94 Carry to class
 - 97 Intuit
 - 98 Green land
 - 99 Kruger or Gluck
 - 100 Clumsy
 - 102 Prune a paragraph
 - 104 Present for pop
 - 105 Writer
 - 106 Rushdie
 - 107 Pigeonhole
 - 108 Glowing
 - 110 Private reply?
 - 111 End of remark
 - 122 Meter reader?
 - 123 Journalist
 - 124 Where to speak Farsi
 - 125 Emilia's husband
 - 126 —take arms against a sea ...
 - 127 "The Compleat Angler" author
 - 128 Arrogant
 - 129 It may be bitter
 - 130 Govt. agents
 - 131 —do-well
 - 132 Actress Joyce
 - 133 Toboggan
 - 134 College club
 - 135 "That hurts!"
 - 136 Queue
 - 137 Had no doubts
 - 138 Kindergarden item
 - 139 Writer Bret
 - 140 Foot part
 - 141 Eastern leader
 - 142 Rapidly, to
 - 10 Rossini
 - 11 Frenzy
 - 12 Garfield's pal
 - 13 Gilpin of "Frasier"
 - 14 Nautical rope
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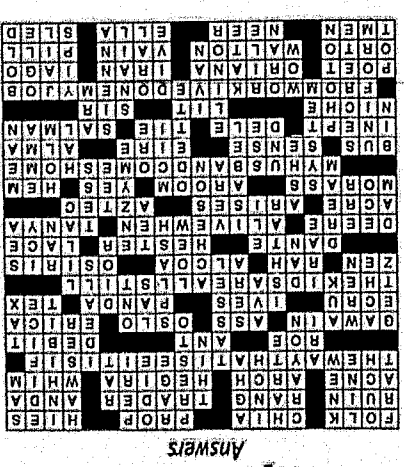
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Kids' Maze Solution



SNOWFLAKES solution



Super Crossword

Scramblers: 1. Active 2. Match 3. Lapse
Today's Word: Plastic

ANSWERS:

MAY

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2012

Bethel Braves 2012 Schedule Pine Tree Men's Baseball League

May		
20	Bethel vs. Central Maine	10 a.m. Winslow HS
June		
3	Dexter Pirates vs. Bethel	10 a.m. Gould Academy
10	Bethel vs. Pittsfield Padres	10 a.m. Manson Park
17	Bethel (Bye)	
24	Bethel vs. Monmouth Marlins	10 a.m. Monmouth HS
July		
1	West Paris Westies vs. Bethel	10 a.m. Gould Academy
8	Rumford Expos vs. Bethel	12:30 p.m. Gould Academy
15	Bethel vs. Farmington	10 a.m. Hippach Field
22	West Paris Westies vs. Bethel	6 p.m. Gould Academy
29	Winthrop Red Sox vs. Bethel	10 a.m. Gould Academy
	Downeast Dodgers vs. Bethel	10 a.m. Gould Academy
	Bethel vs. Jay Orioles	10 a.m. Livermore Falls HS



THE SOUND OF MUSIC-Gould Academy will present the "Sound of Music" on Thursday, May 10 and Saturday, May 12 in the Bingham Auditorium. Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Community Calendar

Thru May 31

4:30 p.m. - **Walking for the Health of It**, sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Meet at Riverside Trail at Oxford Hills Middle School (100 Pine Street), South Paris. Free. Pre-registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, thru June 30
"My Picture Book," exhibit by local artist Sheridan "Mac" McLaughlin at West Paris Public Library. Displayed artwork spans 43 years. Library open 1 to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. FMI: 674-2004.

Thursday, May 10

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker: Norman E. Lewis, Maine State Game Warden. Mr. Lewis is a resident of Woodstock. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

6:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats Candidates Forum** at Western Maine University and Community Center, Main Street, South Paris. Program begins 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 10 and Saturday, May 12

7:30 p.m. - "Sound of Music" presented by Gould Academy students at Bingham Auditorium. FMI: 824-7778.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 10, 11, 12

7 p.m. and Matinee 2 p.m. Saturday - "Grease" presented by Telstar High School Musical Theater Department at Helen C. Berry Auditorium. Donations accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

Thursday thru Sunday, May 10, 11, 12, 13

8 p.m. - "Jake's Women" performed by Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association at Norway Grange, Whitman Street, Norway. Tickets on sale: Books-N-Things, Main Street, Norway.

Friday, May 11

6 p.m. - **Alder River Grange** potluck supper/meeting (7 p.m.).
6:30 p.m. **Brazilian Steak Night**, West Paris Baptist Church, Church Street. Registration required: 674-3205.

Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12

5:30 p.m. - **The Butler Did It** by Kim Kelly presentation by Bethel Community Players at The Bethel Inn Resort. A Welcome to Ravenswood Manor social in The Gibson Room, and the first act promptly at 6:20 p.m. Dinner served after first act. Seating limited to 80. Tickets: \$29 each on sale April 10 on at The Bethel Inn Resort, Timberlake's Home Store on Route 2, Ruthie's Boutique, Main Street. FMI: Ross Timberlake (824-6545 or e-mail ross@sttimberlake.com).

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 11, 12, 13

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden's Wildflower Celebration**, Main Street, South Paris. Special events and plant sale.
7 p.m./Sunday 2 p.m. - **The Odd Couple** (female version), Mystic Theater, 49 Franklin Street, Rumford. Doors open 1 hour before show. Light snacks and drinks available. Tickets: advance \$32 available All that Jazz or Bartash, Congress Street, Rumford, day of show: \$15 or online www.49franklin.com FMI: 869-0129.

Saturday, May 12

7 to 9 a.m. - **Public Breakfast**, VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Adults \$5/12 and under \$3.
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Western Maine Veterans Advisory Committee** fundraiser tickets (\$10 each) on sale at Smedberg's, Route 26, Oxford. Raffle for 2012 Chevrolet Sonic. FMI: 743-6300 or mail raffle check: WMVAC, attn: Dick Young, c/o Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281. Flag pins also available.
4 to 7 p.m. - **Community Supper** to benefit Telstar's Drama Program, sponsored by Student Council in Telstar cafeteria. Spaghetti dinner after the matinee "Grease." Cost: \$8. FMI: Ms. Poston, 824-2136 Ext. 206.
Old Fashioned Barn Dance, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, Newry w/ Greg and Jessie Boardman playing

old-time and contra dance music. Potluck supper 5:30 p.m. (bring dish to share), concert 7 p.m., dance 8 p.m. All dances taught, beginners welcome. Cost: \$12, children under 12 half price, 50/50 raffle. Accommodations available if needed. FMI: 824-2073.

6 p.m. - **Bethel Church of the Nazarene** invites you to a cookout at the church. Brief ceremony dedicating new front steps and ramp in memory of Philip Korhonen. Please bring friends and family also. FMI/RSVP: call Pastor Chuck 875-6008 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club** dance Oxford Hills Middle School, South Paris. Ray Hilton caller. Refreshments. Admission: \$6 (non dancers free). FMI: Eleanor Herrick 782-4050 or visit www.squaredanceme.us

Saturdays, May 12, 19, 26

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults: \$5. Lunch counter open. No dance on May 5.

Monday, May 14

Noon - **AARP** /meeting, First Congregational Church, East Main Street, South Paris. Dinner: \$6.50 (reservations required, call Ruth 744-9069 by May 11). Program: Singer Sammi Angel and her two dogs.

3 p.m. - **Auditions** for "The Sword Called Excalibur" at Crescent Park School gymnasium. FMI: Amy Lehman (824-7890) home or mobile (617) 852-9505.

Tuesday, May 15

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Ryder Scott, Program Director, 4H Center**, Bryant Pond, presents his research on sustainability education, a Down Home Maine presentation by Western Mountains Senior College. Annual potluck supper. FMI/volunteer a dish: Marcia Foster-Austin 824-3400 or fosteraustin@hotmail.com

7 p.m. - **14th Annual Spring Concert**, Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar Regional High School. Performances by THS Chorus, THS Concert Band, Middle School Chorus, Middle School Band and small ensembles. Admission free. Donations always welcome and will go for student awards.

Friday, May 18

Oxford County Educators Association-Retired (OCEA-R) meeting Friday, May 18, at the American Legion Hall on Route 121 in Oxford. Cookies for the palate and plants for the garden will be the fundraisers. Dinner is free during our May and June meetings to any former educators or people who worked for a school department.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 18-20

10th Annual Northern New England Home Garden Flower Show, Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Exhibitor info: karla@dicksonandmcgonigle.com or info@homegardenflowershow.com or call (800) 359-2033 or 207-935-2845.

Fridays, May 18, 25 and June 1, 8

1 to 2:30 p.m. - **Active Parenting**, six-week parenting group at Region 9 School of applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico. For parents of children 5 through 12. Cost: \$15. Scholarships and fee waivers available for qualifying families. FMI/Register: Tammy Beaulieu 789-6547 or Hallie Twomey 333-6425. Note: no childcare available.

May 18 thru Aug. 18

Strangers and Others: Interpretations of the Human Face, art display 9 to 1 p.m. at Fryeburg Academy's Palmina S. and Stephen F. Pace Galleries, 18 Bradley Street, Free, open to public. Reception to meet artists June 16, 1 to 3 p.m. FMI: 935-9232 or e-mail boxoffice@fryeburgacademy.org

Saturday, May 19

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Contractors' Day** at Telstar Middle and High schools. Breakfast 7 a.m. in cafeteria, lunch noon to 1 p.m. Students, parents, community members may participate. FMI/register: 824-2136 or e-mail radfordc@sad44.org or (TMS Principal) or hardt@sad44.org (THS Principal).

8:30 a.m. registration - **Second Annual Writers'**

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across

from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090.
Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 869-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 864-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris. Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

REAL ESTATE CONNECTION

Recent area real estate transactions

BETHEL

Charles K. Wille to Mary Philbrick of Auburn, land and building, 4 High Street, \$100,000, Dec. 11, 2011.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company to Thomas and Cathleen LaPointe of Bethel, land and building at 282 Paradise Road, \$250,000, Dec. 12, 2011.

Cobalt Properties to Cole IO Bethel ME, LLC of Phoenix, Az., "automotive," at 211 Mayville Road \$495,716, Dec. 29, 2011.

David North to Theodore W. Hinamin, II, of Boyertown, Pa., land at 115 Will View Road, \$309,000, Jan. 6, 2012.

Kim Maisenbacher (Trustee) to Arielle Tasha of Truro, Mass., unspecified (206) at 44 Flat Road, \$65,000, Jan. 6, 2012.

Kelly and Shawn McGowan to Michael Moulton and Darcy Scanlon-Moulton of Ipswich, Mass., unspecified at 73 Brook Road, \$282,500, Jan. 12, 2012.

Wight Enterprises, LLC, to Gould Academy, land at 5 Park St., \$150,000, Jan. 12, 2012.

John Marotta Construction Company, John and Tina Ross of Plymouth, Mass., land and building at 4 Tilson Burke Road, \$187,500, Feb. 3, 2012.

Michele Wolfsberg to Robert Currier of Bethel, land, Lot 73, Deer View Road, \$48,000, Feb. 8, 2012.

Robert Hastings to Jeffrey Newsom of Bethel, land off Intervale and Winslow roads, \$80,000, Feb. 14, 2012.

Flat Road LLC to Charles and Vivian Sanborn of North Conway, N.H., land: Lot 19, Winter Park Subdivision, \$40,000, Feb. 21, 2012.

Estate of Ruth Bean, Roberta Saunders, P.R. to Gould Academy, land and building at 63 Lovers Lane, \$60,000, Feb. 22, 2012.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company to Thomas and Cathleen LaPointe of Bethel, land and building at 282 Paradise Road, \$250,000, Dec. 12, 2011.

GREENWOOD

Penley Timberlands to Lawrence Stifler and Mary McFadden of Brookline, Mass., land off Willis Mills Road, \$1,100,000, Dec. 29, 2011

Paula M. Lamb to Lloyd and Alexander Poland, land on Indian Pond, \$30,000, Feb. 7, 2012.

Peter Tommilla to Andrew and Nancy Dewing of Greenwood, land: Map R01, Lot 001, \$15,000, Feb. 15, 2012.

Peter Tommilla to Greenwood Tower Trust of Auburn, Land on Tower Road, \$85,000, Feb. 15, 2012.

NEWRY

Stephen and Carolyn Zaleski to Gregory P. and Kathryn M. Everett of Quincy, Mass., land and building at 57 Keystone Drive, \$450,000, Dec. 28, 2011.

Barker Mountain Village Developers, LLC to Joseph F. and Kimberly D. Army, trustees, of Newfields, N.H., property at 72 Valley View Drive, \$400,000, Feb. 3, 2012.

Stephen M. Montaquila and Thomas Forcier to Mark E. Tetreault of Providence, R.I., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive, \$12,000, Feb. 3, 2012.

Anthony and Alison Burnside to Eileen O'Conner and William Keyser of West Roxbury, Mass., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive, \$16,000, Feb. 3, 2012.

Gregory P. and Kathryn M. Everett to James F. and Laurie Bono of Cohasset, Mass., timeshare at 27 Grand Ave. \$40,000, Feb. 10, 2012.

James F. and Laurie Bono to Gregory P. and Kathryn M. Everett of Quincy, Mass., timeshare at 27 Grand Ave. \$15,000, Feb. 10, 2012.

Estate of Linda G. Hirsch to Robert C. and Agnes Gustafson of Windham, N.H., condominium at 273 Skyway Road, \$170,000, Feb. 17, 2012.

Richard C. and Anne E. Venditti to Patrick G. and Deborah A. Sullivan, condominium at Jordan Grand 209/211 Qtr. II, \$1,030, Feb. 21, 2012.

Beverly A. Lidstrom to Kurt D. and Bette A. Cochran of Gloucester, Mass., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive, \$3,500, Feb. 21, 2012.

Leor Zolman and Lisa J. Gray to Robert A. and Diana S. Laroche of Seabrook, N.H., condominium at Jordan Grand 336/338 Qtr. I, \$12,000, Feb. 28, 2012.

WOODSTOCK

Rising Moon, LLC to Inergy Propane of Kansas City, Mo., easement across Map 16, Lot 25, \$50,000, Jan. 13, 2012.

Baker-Doucette, Inc, to Inergy Propane, unclassified at 20 South Main St., \$100,000, Jan. 13, 2012.

Grant and Helene Wilson to Susan Pundt, land and building at 50 Alpine Shores Road, \$279,000, Jan. 31, 2012.

Eleanor Koskela to David and Andrea Talley of Chadds Ford, Pa., land on Koskela Road, \$40,000, Feb. 9, 2012.

David Cox to Bayroot LLC of Lyme, N.H., land: Map 5, Lot 50, \$2,200, Feb. 20, 2012.

Robert Keller Barton to Kenneth and Valerie Sabelle of Plymouth, N.H., land and building on Concord Pond Road, \$500, Feb. 23, 2012.

About the listings:

The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive for several weeks after the purchase closing dates. Timeshares and condominium transfers are not included.



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Spring cleaning plans? Tips from the pros help you get the best clean

(ARA) - Warm weather has arrived and Americans are planning to shake out the rugs and wash the windows for the unofficial tradition of spring cleaning ... or are they?

Nearly half of all Americans plan on spending less than four hours total on spring cleaning this year, according to the first-ever Stanley Steemer Spring Cleaning survey. The study shows that nearly two in 10 households will spend less than one hour or no time at all cleaning for the seasonal change. With experts predicting that this spring could be the worst allergy season in 10 years, now is not the time to sweep your chores under the rug.

Despite their good intentions and best efforts, Americans who are spring cleaning might make the home look and smell better on the surface, but vacuuming and cleaning machines remove a relatively small portion of the dirt, dust and particulates that cause allergic reactions.

Traditional cleaning methods only skim the surface of a deeper issue that calls for help from the pros. Stanley Steemer, with more than 60 years as the dirt authority, has been certified to remove more than 98 percent of dry soil from floors - a rate significantly higher than self-cleaning methods. In fact, in 2011 Stanley Steemer technicians removed more than 200 tons of dirt from American homes.

The experts in the field from Stanley Steemer offer these tips for maintaining a cleaner, healthier home this spring:

- * Vacuum heavy traffic areas two to three times a week and the rest of your carpets once a week.
- * Use indoor and outdoor entrance mats to reduce the amount of dirt that enters your home.
- * Homes should be cleaned in this order: air ducts first, upholstery and drapes second, then floors.
- * In the event of bad spills, keep the area moist until the pros arrive. And for the inevitable red wine spill, dilute the area with white wine before blotting
- * Vacuum under area rugs periodically to help remove any loose dirt that might be trapped.
- * Schedule a professional deep cleaning every six months to help maintain the value and health of your home.

Take Back Your Backyard From Insects This Season

(StatePoint) Summer means sunshine, relaxation and backyard barbecues. But it also means the return of insect season. Homeowners work hard on their backyards, but the nuisance of pesky flying insects often prevent them from enjoying their yards as much as possible.

Not only are insects annoying, they can be dangerous too. Stinging insects send over 500,000 people to the emergency room each year and an estimated two million Americans are allergic to insect stings.

Don't let bugs keep you from relaxing outdoors. Use these tips to take back your yard from annoying pests.

Eat More Garlic

Garlic is heralded for its ability to ward off bloodsucking vampires, but did you know eating garlic can repel bloodsucking insects as well? Garlic is excreted through the pores and acts as a natural barrier to flying insects who don't like the smell.

Eliminate Dangerous Flying Insects

The key to insect control is early detection and elimination. Consider using traps to eliminate bothersome bugs. Not all traps are eyesores. For example, the Black Flag Flying Insect Trap and Lure attracts, traps, and kills wasps, yellow jackets and flies, and can be hung in a tree or staked in the ground; discreetly blending into any outdoor setting. It's also safe for your family and pets. More information is available at www.blackflag.com.

Wear Proper Clothes

Bees, wasps, and yellow jackets are attracted to bright colors and floral patterns. The color black also tends to irritate the insects. Wear light colors such as khaki, beige, or white to avoid being stung.

Grow Plants and Herbs

Certain plants and herbs, such as rosemary, basil and thyme, emit odors that ward off insects. Not only will these plants help deter unwanted pests; you'll also have some fresh herbs ready for cooking right in your backyard!

Grab a cold drink, kick back and relax in your yard. You won't have bugs to worry about anymore.

Easy And Inexpensive Home Decorating Tips

(StatePoint) Every living space needs a change from time to time -- but redecorating your home from scratch can cost you a lot of time and money. Luckily, there are headache-free, cost-effective ways to completely revamp your rooms.

Make interior design a cinch with these simple tips:

Rearrange

If you're feeling cramped, but you're not in the market for new furniture, you can rearrange what you currently have to create more space or give the room a whole new feel. Moving larger furniture against the walls will open up the central floor space. Be sure to give ample space between furniture for foot traffic, especially if you have pets or children.

Do an honest appraisal of your knick knacks and adornments. Less can be more when it comes to these items. Consider getting rid of some of the clutter for a sleeker look that will require a lot less dusting.

A well-placed mirror is a quick way to make the room feel twice as big.

Change Your Mind

If you hate commitment, consider periodically rotating your artwork between several favorite pieces. You can transform the entire feel of the room simply by changing what is on your walls. Consider doing so on a seasonal thematic basis, whenever your kids come home with a new creation, or simply when the mood strikes.

Make this process easy on yourself, and opt for a frame that comes ready to hang. For example, Lakeside Easy Change Artwork Frames, has sawtooth hangers on the back, and include a compartment to store about 50 pictures behind the one on display. More information can be found at www.lakeside.com.



Rotating favorite photographs and children's artwork is an easy way to transform a room.

Go Bold

Give your space a splash of color and pizzazz by painting an accent wall or the molding with a funky or decadent color. It will be easy to opt for a bolder color if you are not painting every inch of your room.

The walls are not the only surface that deserves a color treatment. You can add color to the floor with a beautiful area rug. And don't forget how far a few throw pillows can go to add texture and color to a drab couch.

Liven It Up

A couple of house plants will lend any drab room a sense of vitality. Choose a sunlit corner for your plants. Low maintenance plants that can thrive even under the care of the most irresponsible plant owners include African Violets, Jade and spider plants.

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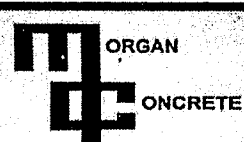
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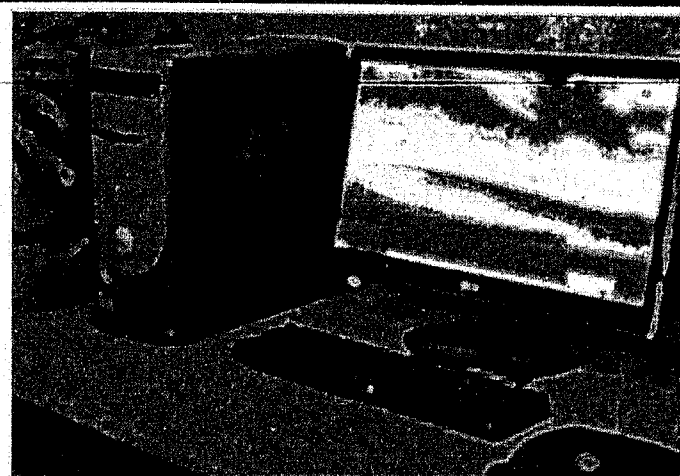


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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT F-35 OPERATIONAL BASING

The United States Air Force (Air Force) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Air Force proposes to establish the initial beddown for F-35A operational aircraft at one or more Air Combat Command (ACC) or Air National Guard (ANG) installations over a period of approximately 5 years. The beddown scenarios consist of 18 or 24 F35A aircraft at ANG or AFRC installations, and 24, 48, or 72 F-35A aircraft at ACC bases. The Air Force has identified six alternative locations for initial basing of the operational F-35A aircraft: Burlington AGS (a preferred location), Vermont; Hill AFB, Utah (a preferred location); Jacksonville AGS, Florida; McEntire JNGB, South Carolina; Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; and Shaw AFB, South Carolina. The proposed action also includes basing of personnel needed to operate and maintain the F-35A, and construction and/or modification of facilities on the bases to support F-35A operational aircraft. F-35A aircraft would conduct training flights from the base and in existing airspace associated with each proposed location. No new airspace would be established as part of the proposed action.

The 45-day review and public comment period for the Draft EIS initiated when the Notice of Availability was announced in the Federal Register on April 13, 2012. The Draft EIS is available for downloading from the Web at www.acplanning.org or a hard copy can be obtained by contacting Mr. Nick Germanos at (757)764-9334.

Public hearings will be held during the 45-day review and comment period commencing on April 30, 2012, and ending on May 17, 2012. Please see the table below for locations and dates of the hearings. They will all be held from 5 to 8 p.m.: an open house will occur between 5 to 6 p.m., at which time Air Force personnel will be available to answer questions about the proposal. The formal public hearing will begin at 6 p.m. After a brief presentation to provide the results outlined in the Draft EIS, the floor will be opened for comments from the public pertaining to the environmental analysis and findings; all oral comments will be recorded by a stenographer. If all commentators have had an opportunity to comment, the Hearing Officer may adjourn the meeting before 8 p.m.

City/Town	Date	Location
Burlington, Vermont	Monday, May 14, 2012	South Burlington High School, 550 Dorset Street
Littleton, New Hampshire	Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Littleton High School, 159 Oak Hill Avenue
Watertown, New York	Thursday, May 17, 2012	Case Middle School, 1237 Washington Street

All comments will be accepted through June 1, 2012; both written and oral comments will be considered equally. Written comments can be submitted at any of the hearings or sent via U.S. Postal Service to HQ/A7PS, 129 Andrews Street, Suite 337, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia 23665-2769, ATTN: Mr. Nick Germanos.

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Obituaries



SAMUEL E. NEVERS

Samuel E. Nevers Jr., of Bethel, died April 19, 2012. He was born in Eureka, Calif. He graduated from Eureka Senior High School in 1964.

He worked at various jobs until the Simpson Pulp Mill was built in Samoa, Calif. He worked his way from utility man to powerhouse operator then switched to millwright.

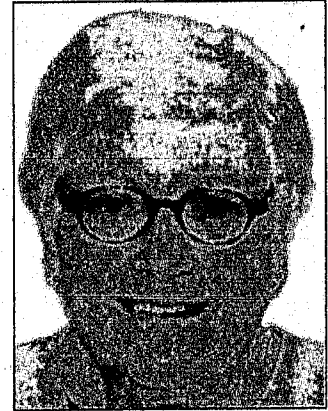
He moved his family to Rumford, Maine, in 1994 to work at Boise Cascade until he was disabled with heart trouble in 2000. He received a heart transplant in October of 2001. His second heart gave out after 11 years.

He loved to fish and hunt the woods of Northern California. He drove stock cars and loved NASCAR racing. He was an avid gun enthusiast and NRA member. He loved his family above all else. He lived his life with the "what you see is what I am" attitude.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Kathy; and their daughter, Amanda. He is also survived by his ex-wife, Catherine Dining, and their daughters, Rebecca Nevers, Shannen Garrison and husband Loel and their sons Johnathan, Nathan, Josh-

ua and his wife Jackie. Also, the daughter of his heart, Chrissi Sponsler and her daughter, Calista. He leaves his sister, Michelle Nevers; her daughter Kuny and husband Tony and her children Jacob and Olivia; as well as his nephew, Jacob Morris. He leaves too many other relatives to mention, but they know who they are and how he felt about them.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel E. Nevers, Sr., and Kathleen Fleming Nevers; and his nephew, Sean Boulton.



JUNE T. ABBOTT

June Theresa Abbott of Bethel, Maine, passed away on April 27, 2012 after a long struggle with ALS.

Born on Dec. 20, 1935 in Newark, N.J., to Veronica and Charles Forsyth, she graduated from Passaic Valley High School in 1953. After marrying Alan Abbott, they moved to Normandy Beach, N.J., and later Toms River, N.J., where she taught elementary school for 26 years. Upon retirement in 1993, they built a home and settled in Bethel, where June became active with the li-

brary, historical society and local quilting group. Preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Alan Stuart Abbott, she is survived by three children, Tracey Cullen (Brian) of Washington, D.C.; Todd (Lisa) of New York, N.Y., and Andrea Kouros (Peter) of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; her brother, Charles (Patricia); eight grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and countless friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bethel Library, PO Box 130, Bethel, ME 04217 or the Bethel Historical Society, 10 Broad Street, Bethel, ME 04217.

BEVERLY BILLINGS

Beverly May Fitts Billings, 79, died Saturday, May 5, 2012, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Mechanic Falls on July 10, 1932, the youngest child of Earnest and Phebe Fitts. She worked for many years at Wilner Wood Products, as well as A.L. Stewarts and Sons, both of South Paris.

On Jan. 8, 1947, she married Lloyd Arthur Billings in South Paris. Beverly and Lloyd lived in Milton Township their entire married life, raising their 15 children together there. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd; her children, Elaine Moore and her husband David of West Townsend, Mass., Zelma Roundy of Whitehouse, Tenn., David Billings and Marge Masterman of Otisfield, Gail Trundy and her husband Jim of Hebron, Pamela House and husband Thomas of Bryant Pond, Bonnie Hall and husband Thomas

of Oxford, Janet Sessions and husband Sumner of Norway, Garry Billings and wife Lynne of Milton Township, June Jacobson and husband Don of Harrison, Wanda Ridley of South Paris, Jacqueline Young and husband Glen of South Paris, Lloyd Billings and wife Sue of Milton Township, Raymond Billings and wife Kristine of Brookline, N.H., Michael Billings of Rumford, and Allison Bellegrade and husband Bruce of Londonderry, N.H.; 43 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Earnest Fitts and his wife Janice of Poland; a sister, June Bowman of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Luna Ackers of Bethel and Irene Billings of Milton Township; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; brother, Linwood Fitts and his wife Betty; brother-in-law, Gerald Billings; sister-in-law, Ola Miele and husband Emile; and son-in-law, Arthur Roundy.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

WILFRED BAKER

Wilfred Baker, 92, of Berlin, N.H., formerly of Lincoln Plantation died Monday, May 7 at Androscoggin Valley Hospital. He was born in Newry on December 4, 1919 the son of Joseph and Florida Provencher Baker. He faithfully served in the U. S. Army. He married Margaret Bennett on August 17, 1940. He had been employed as a logger and at Bennett's Garage. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #17, the Shriner's, the American Legion, the Grange in Wilsons Mills and the VFW. He is survived by a son, Donald and his wife Shirley of Berlin, N.H.; a grandson, Douglas Baker and his companion Kathy Ordway of Berlin, N.H.; a great grandson, William Baker; and a sister, Dora Gardner of Waterford. He was predeceased by his wife in November of 2011.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 12 at 11 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel.

Institute of Medicine obesity recommendations

Associated Press

Fighting obesity will require changes everywhere Americans live, work, play and learn, says a major new report that outlines dozens of options — from building more walkable neighborhoods to zoning limits on fast-food restaurants to selling healthier snacks in sports arenas.

But schools should be a national focus because that's where children spend most of their day, eat a lot of their daily calories — and should be better taught how to eat healthy and stay fit, the influential Institute of Medicine said Tuesday.

Among the most controversial of the recommendations: Communities could consider a tax on sugary sodas and offering price breaks for healthier beverage choices.

That prompted outrage from the American Beverage Association.

"Advocating discriminatory policies that uniquely focus on sugar-sweetened beverages is the wrong approach," said an association statement that added those drinks account for just 7 percent of calories in the average person's diet.

Most of us know we should eat less and move more. But the institute makes clear this isn't just an individual but a societal problem: For a host of reasons, sedentary lives have become the norm and we're surrounded by cheap, high-calorie foods.

The new report offers a roadmap of the most promising strategies to change that — and argues that the solutions can't be implemented piecemeal.

"Each of us has this role. We can't sit back and let the schools do it, or let a mayor do it or think somehow the federal government's going to solve it," said report co-author William Purcell III, former mayor of Nashville, Tenn. "These recommendations require concerted effort among all."

A health advocacy group urged governments, industry and schools to adopt the recommendations.

"The country has begun to address obesity but we are still doing far too little given the tremendous burden it places on our health and health care costs," said Margo Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Two-thirds of U.S. adults and almost a third of children are either overweight or obese, and progress to stop this epidemic has been too slow, the Institute of Medicine concluded.

For schools, it recommended that students get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day — a combination of physical education, recess and other activities. Many schools have slashed P.E. and cut into recess in recent years in an effort to increase learning time amid tighter budgets. The report also says schools should serve healthier foods, backing national school nutrition standards, and teach nutrition.

Other recommendations include:

—Restaurants should ensure that at least half of kids' meals comply with federal dietary guidelines, without charging more for the healthier options.

—Healthier foods should be routinely available everywhere, from shopping malls to sports arenas.

—More food companies should improve how they market to children — and if they don't, the government should step in and mandate changes.

—To make physical activity routine, communities should be designed with safe places to walk and exercise.

—Public and private insurers should ensure better access to obesity screening, preventive services and treatments.

—Employers should expand workplace wellness programs.

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Author: B.J. Moritz
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